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Type of Activity	Annual		1986							1987					
	1985	1986	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	2,328	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,542	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	32,592	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,700
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,717	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,019	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	....
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	541	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,014,200	262,000	265,600	246,000	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	235,100
Residential	1,240,900	1,475,900	121,400	120,400	153,300	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	998,700	91,600	79,900	79,400	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,500	49,000	65,300	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	124	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,746	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893	6,824	6,753	6,733
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	219,772	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684
Franchise	69,838	75,088	8,254	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	18,026	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	88,800	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,670	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,722	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	774	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761
Sales	730,389	775,708	65,575	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	0	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	- 3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,336	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073
Use	79,253	84,390	816	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	865	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,453	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	327.9	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.5	.0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4
Food	309.8	319.7	317.1	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1
Housing	349.9	360.2	361.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	393.8	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	204.5	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5
Transportation	319.9	307.5	308.6	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7
Medical care	403.1	433.5	432.0	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3
Energy	426.5	370.3	380.6	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	299.0	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.1	307.3	308.5
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	311.8	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.4	318.6	320.2
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.325	.324
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,894.5	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	192.2	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,702.3	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,465.3	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	362.7	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	175.7	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.7	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.6	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.8	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.6	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.6	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.3	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	187.0	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0
Food	29.1	30.1	30.2	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.8	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8
Apparel	53.6	53.7	55.4	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.3	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,102.6	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.2	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5
Trade	305.6	320.4	319.3	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.8	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4
Retail	229.6	243.5	242.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.3	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	259.3	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0	269.1
Government	295.9	297.0	295.8	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7
State and local	230.7	232.8	231.6	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2

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	1985	1986	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	21,816	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	2,155	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	26,902	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,756	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	13,394	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086	15,694	15,760	16,030	15,870	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160	16,190
	8.7	7.9	7.8	8.5	7.5	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.3
Baldwin	37,063	38,264	38,530	39,250	38,780	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280	38,340
	7.9	8.9	8.7	9.5	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2	6.6
Barbour	11,368	11,903	11,930	11,860	12,080	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920	12,050
	10.6	9.5	10.0	9.2	9.6	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9	8.6
Bibb	6,965	7,273	7,440	7,370	7,370	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220	7,280
	12.3	13.3	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9	9.2
Blount	15,743	16,682	16,760	16,740	16,760	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040	17,110
	7.6	9.0	9.3	8.6	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3	7.5
Bullock	3,716	3,971	4,050	4,080	4,030	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770	3,750	3,800	3,870	3,960
	16.0	17.3	16.5	19.4	18.4	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7	14.2
Butler	9,057	9,382	9,560	9,170	9,520	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640	9,810
	12.4	11.7	15.1	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2	10.4
Calhoun	49,921	51,892	51,910	52,560	52,370	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770	52,280
	9.0	9.6	10.2	10.2	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0	7.7
Chambers	16,870	17,241	17,200	17,840	17,540	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360	17,690
	8.9	8.6	9.0	12.0	9.3	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2	6.1
Cherokee	7,872	7,768	7,870	7,730	7,820	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140	8,240
	15.1	13.5	13.6	12.6	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0	8.5
Chilton	15,008	15,723	15,810	15,890	15,750	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780	15,810
	10.4	10.6	9.8	9.5	9.3	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0	8.5
Choctaw	6,618	7,481	7,660	7,730	7,550	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860	6,920
	13.8	14.9	17.0	17.7	14.5	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3	8.2
Clarke	11,033	11,363	11,410	11,430	11,480	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390	11,380
	10.0	11.4	11.0	10.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7	9.5
Clay	6,356	6,358	6,380	6,270	6,380	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150	6,030
	11.0	15.0	12.0	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3	9.1
Cleburne	5,750	5,719	5,700	5,750	5,890	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400	5,260
	9.2	8.8	7.1	7.6	9.2	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5	7.2
Coffee	17,103	17,625	17,590	17,510	18,070	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610	17,470
	7.2	8.8	8.4	8.2	7.6	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.1
Colbert	24,147	24,628	24,660	25,020	25,020	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200	24,010
	13.4	13.9	14.2	15.0	14.2	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8	9.8
Conecuh	6,309	6,458	6,570	6,170	6,300	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200	6,010
	10.9	16.0	15.7	12.7	15.3	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2	16.6
Coosa	4,591	4,760	4,660	4,650	4,720	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850	4,820
	7.6	8.0	10.3	8.7	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8	5.6
Covington	17,005	17,224	17,170	17,260	17,240	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710	17,600
	9.8	10.7	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.7
Crenshaw	6,071	6,187	6,140	6,120	6,280	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380	6,240
	8.8	9.0	8.5	8.3	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3	8.6
Cullman	30,434	31,390	31,660	31,680	31,730	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730	31,460
	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	7.5
Dale	15,873	16,753	16,960	17,120	17,000	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990	16,980
	9.2	10.1	11.2	11.0	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5	7.3
Dallas	22,255	23,022	23,640	23,620	23,390	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240	22,230
	14.6	15.9	17.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3	16.2
DeKalb	27,295	28,748	29,170	29,540	29,810	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110	29,070
	10.5	10.0	10.1	10.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9	7.4
Elmore	20,131	21,013	21,160	21,320	21,290	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360	21,590
	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0
Escambia	16,662	17,061	17,100	17,210	17,330	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300	16,480
	10.0	11.5	11.9	11.2	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4	10.1
Etowah	42,011	43,954	44,050	44,800	44,390	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760	42,720
	10.4	13.0	13.1	13.4	11.8	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8	9.1
Fayette	8.183	8,028	7,840	7,850	8,030	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830	7,700
	14.3	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3
Franklin	14,928	15,310	15,310	15,930	15,740	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,680	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250	15,340
	13.8	13.6	13.1	16.0	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9	13.2	10.7	10.1	9.4
Geneva	10,747	11,047	11,290	11,400	11,340	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370	10,510	10,650	10,880	10,950
	9.5	8.5	8.6	9.6	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	6.1	6.0
Greene	3,801	3,733	3,640	3,710	3,760	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760	3,900	3,720	3,760	3,770
	17.7	15.9	15.9	15.8	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0	19.7	13.9	13.3	18.0
Hale	5,783	5,986	5,990	6,010	6,170	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050	6,140	6,190	6,280	6,280
	11.5	10.7	11.3	9.9	11.6	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8	10.1	8.4	7.7	9.8
Henry	6,683	6,631	6,630	6,560	6,620	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350	6,410	6,710	6,900	6,720
	10.8	9.7	9.7	10.0	8.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.2	6.8
Houston	37,718	39,734	39,760	40,540	40,160	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520	39,560	39,960	40,410	40,460
	7.6	8.3	8.4	9.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.9
Jackson	20,381	20,968	21,240	20,980	21,000	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720	20,600	20,660	20,890	20,800
	12.4	14.7	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6	10.9	9.3	9.2	10.3
Jefferson	318,469	335,634	336,040	340,350	342,060	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480	335,270	338,280	340,460	344,870
	6.8	7.7	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.3	6.3
Lamar	8,807	8,856	8,880	9,140	8,930	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950	8,900	8,830	8,970	9,030
	8.1	8.9	8.6	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.6	6.7
Lauderdale	36,244	37,027	37,520	37,260	37,270	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120	36,030	35,760	36,270	36,470
	10.9	11.6	12.9	11.9	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1	10.3	8.4	8.1	8.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986							1987					
	1985	1986	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,615 12.8	12,632 14.6	12,580 13.8	12,650 14.1	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5	12,210 12.7
Lee	37,526 6.9	38,124 7.7	38,200 8.1	38,440 9.5	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,280 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2	36,740 5.8
Limestone	26,997 7.2	29,806 8.9	29,940 9.1	29,910 9.3	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0	29,280 6.4
Lowndes	4,686 14.5	4,525 15.8	4,400 19.0	4,420 18.0	4,590 16.7	4,670 16.5	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,580 16.6	4,800 23.6	4,620 24.7
Macon	10,416 8.3	10,693 9.0	10,820 10.0	10,910 9.8	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6	10,790 7.0
Madison	117,702 6.0	126,253 7.2	128,530 7.8	128,590 7.5	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3	129,660 5.1
Marengo	9,828 10.3	10,045 11.1	9,940 10.8	10,110 13.5	10,070 10.3	10,070 9.5	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1	9,800 8.7	9,940 8.4	9,840 7.6
Marion	15,258 13.9	16,083 14.3	16,230 12.8	16,550 16.4	16,220 14.5	16,110 14.9	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1	15,230 10.9	15,400 10.1	15,530 9.8
Marshall	35,583 8.7	37,011 11.8	37,360 12.1	38,250 14.0	37,450 10.9	37,380 10.5	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,270 10.2	36,320 8.5	37,080 8.1	37,140 7.8
Mobile	166,284 9.5	172,880 11.1	175,670 11.7	176,630 11.3	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6	175,080 9.8
Monroe	9,142 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,380 11.3	9,520 10.5	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7	9,700 11.2
Montgomery	92,439 7.0	97,695 7.6	98,730 8.1	99,450 8.0	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9	100,300 6.6
Morgan	43,439 8.1	45,825 10.0	46,640 10.0	46,770 10.5	47,190 11.5	46,010 9.7	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1	45,700 8.9	46,640 9.9	46,680 8.1
Perry	5,283 12.9	5,444 12.9	5,490 12.4	5,540 12.5	5,540 12.9	5,520 10.9	5,630 10.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7	5,460 9.7	5,710 10.4	5,590 9.9
Pickens	7,008 15.3	7,558 14.7	7,560 14.3	7,690 14.7	7,900 15.5	7,870 13.6	8,050 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1	7,240 11.6	7,450 11.6	7,380 11.1
Pike	11,773 7.9	12,612 8.6	12,640 8.8	12,490 9.5	12,650 9.5	12,980 7.5	13,190 8.4	13,030 8.4	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3	12,640 7.0	12,880 7.0	12,870 7.1
Randolph	8,875 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,420 10.2	9,330 9.7	9,750 12.4	9,450 10.4	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8	9,390 6.1	9,420 6.1	9,320 6.6
Russell	22,271 9.8	22,641 9.6	22,680 9.1	22,780 9.4	22,960 9.1	22,790 8.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3	22,520 8.1	22,590 7.5	22,790 7.0
St. Clair	19,778 8.4	20,610 8.4	20,890 9.4	21,200 10.2	20,700 8.1	20,710 8.1	20,700 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2	20,630 6.8	20,870 6.8	20,950 5.7
Shelby	35,602 6.8	37,153 6.8	37,310 7.0	37,510 6.9	37,310 6.5	37,320 6.5	38,170 8.3	37,440 6.6	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5	37,250 5.4	37,810 5.6	38,330 5.9
Sumter	6,143 13.8	6,243 21.0	6,440 26.3	6,460 25.1	6,410 22.5	6,230 18.3	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1	5,710 13.1	5,740 11.6	5,660 14.2
Talladega	31,462 13.2	32,143 12.4	32,310 12.7	32,810 13.6	32,950 13.0	32,660 13.1	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4	32,040 10.4	32,330 9.7	32,710 9.6
Tallapoosa	18,028 8.4	19,101 8.0	19,400 8.8	19,640 9.3	19,720 8.2	19,430 7.7	19,360 7.5	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8	19,190 6.8	19,520 7.6	19,930 6.7
Tuscaloosa	64,304 6.8	68,450 7.7	67,120 8.6	67,710 8.2	69,420 8.1	70,000 7.6	70,000 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4	69,800 6.3	70,010 6.6	69,020 6.3
Walker	28,188 11.6	30,633 15.2	31,570 17.6	31,700 17.4	30,110 13.1	29,750 12.0	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4	30,050 12.0	30,220 11.5	30,380 10.8
Washington	5,826 15.1	5,594 19.4	5,770 21.5	5,770 22.0	5,530 18.1	5,570 17.8	5,580 16.9	5,570 17.6	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5	5,650 23.2	5,160 15.2	5,200 14.2	5,130 13.9
Wilcox	4,341 15.7	4,402 16.8	4,540 19.4	4,480 18.8	4,490 17.1	4,430 15.7	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,260 14.4	4,270 13.5	4,340 13.8	4,440 14.3	4,370 13.6
Winston	10,344 17.5	10,208 21.1	10,260 19.4	10,320 19.2	10,350 19.2	10,220 17.0	10,130 16.4	10,230 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,830 20.5	9,710 14.9	9,810 13.2	9,870 12.6
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	52,912	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	....	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,549	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	1,068	....	....	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	46,923	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	....	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	1,632	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	....	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	3,262	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	2,273	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	....
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	168,489	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	....
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	14,427	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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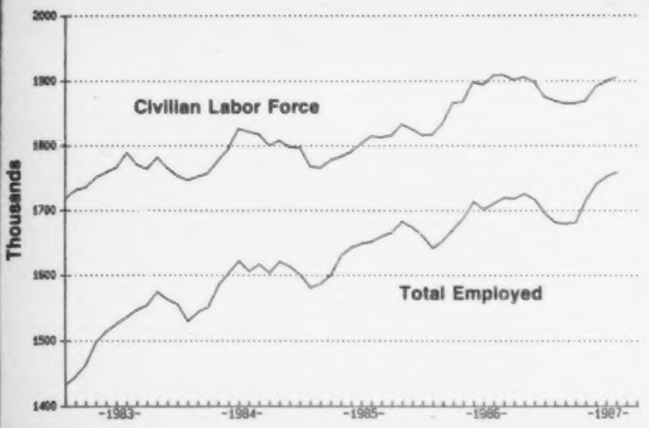

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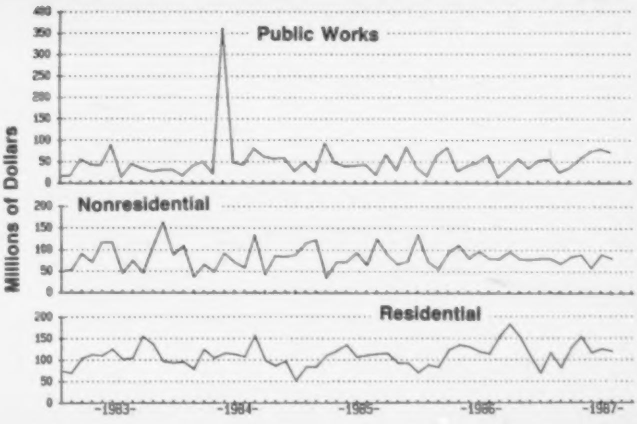

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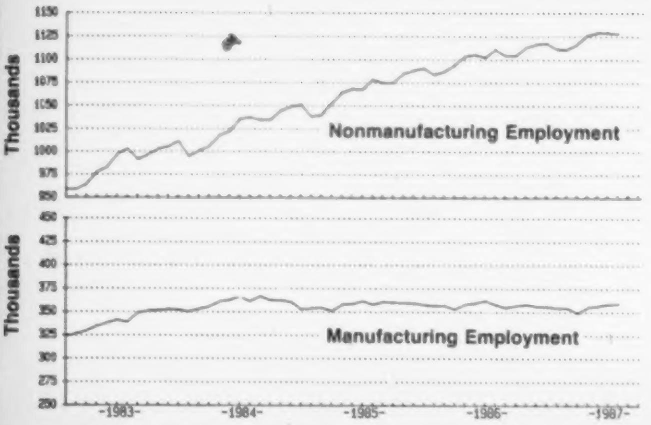

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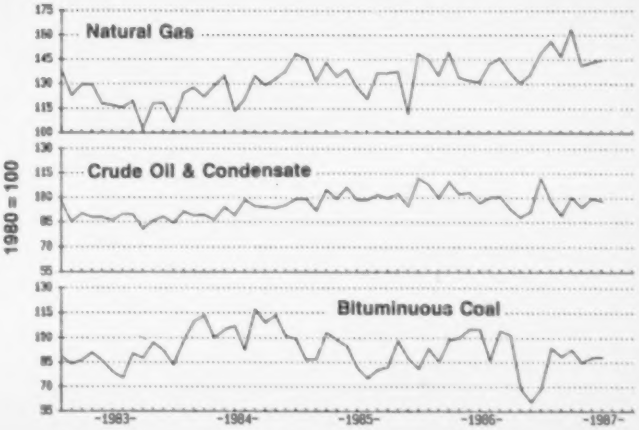

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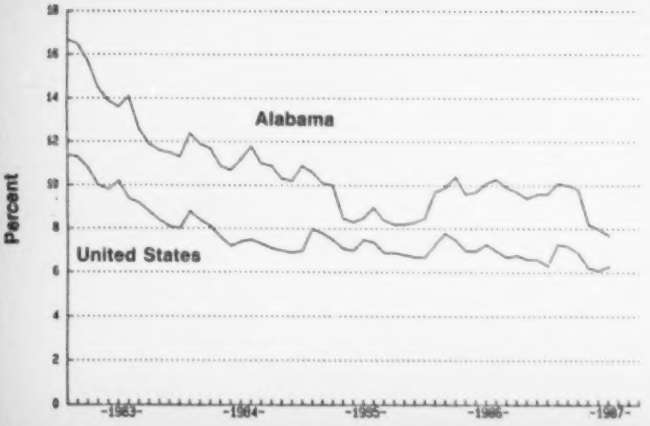

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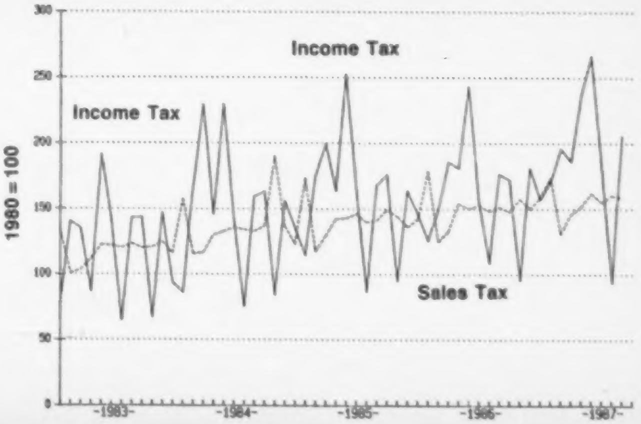

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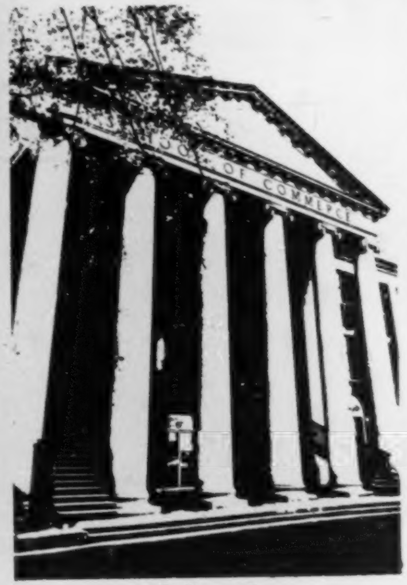

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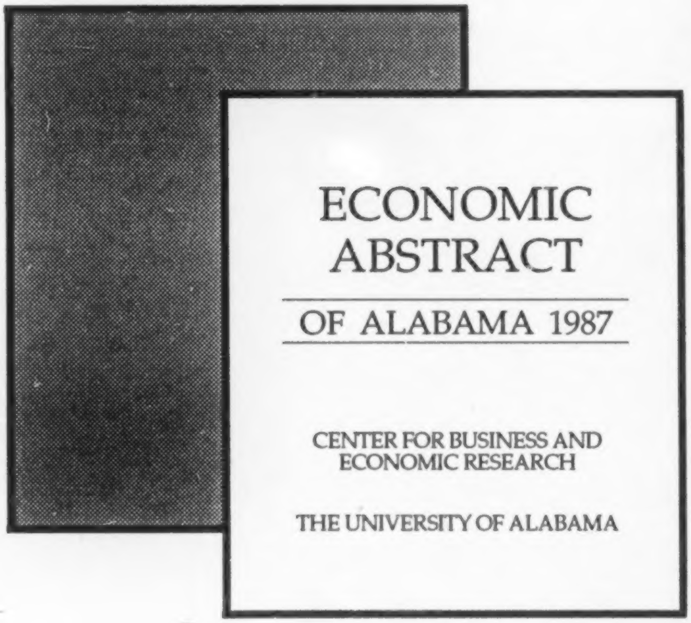

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ALABAMA ECONOMIC PROFILE PART II

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Despite a strong performance by some sectors of Alabama's economy in 1986, the overall economic growth rate was moderate at approximately two percent. There were strong performances by the transportation equipment and machinery manufacturing industries and by the trade and construction sectors. Employment in several major durable and nondurable manufacturing industries actually declined during 1986.

Lower oil and gas prices and foreign competition had severe effects on the steel and apparel industries in Alabama. Sharp declines in employment in these industries kept the unemployment rate in the double digits. However, the increase in the population of the state and the increase in employment (in the food industry, and construction, trade, and services sectors) proved beneficial for the state's economy.

Total personal income did not rise as much as it did in 1985 because the increase in total employment was mostly in the trade and services sectors where the wage rates are traditionally low.

However, if the value of the dollar in the exchange markets declines further in 1987, resulting in an increase of ~~imports~~ prices, the sectors most hit by foreign competition can significantly increase their employment and production levels. Growth in the manufacturing sector would raise the levels of total personal income, which in turn should stimulate other sectors like construction, services, and trade. Improvements in the manufacturing sector could bring Alabama's unemployment rate down to approximately nine percent in the latter part of 1987 and early 1988.

The anticipated improvement in the manufacturing sector, along with the new tax law changes in 1987, should also raise the levels of total personal income in 1987. If the national economic growth rate remains moderate, Alabama's economy as a whole is not expected to grow at a much higher rate than that of 1986 despite some improvements in the manufacturing sector.

Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities

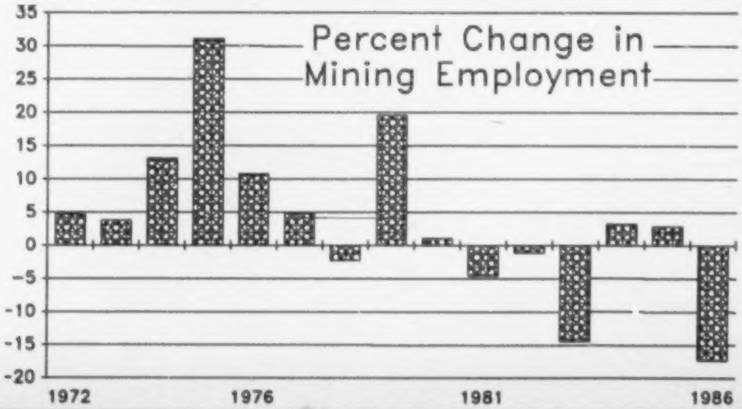
After a small increase in total employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities (TCPU) sector in 1983-84, employment in these three industries remained stable in 1985 and dropped slightly in 1986. A decline in the share of manufactured goods produced in Alabama for both domestic and international markets was the primary reason for the decline in transportation industry employment.

Improvements in the manufacturing sector should help this industry in 1987. Sophisticated high technology and deregulation in the communications industry should help this industry achieve a higher growth rate in 1987. Employment in communications and transportation industries is expected to grow by about 2.4 percent in 1987.

Mining

After showing a five percent and two percent increase in employment in 1984 and 1985 respectively, employment in Alabama's coal mining industry declined sharply in 1986. In 1986 a number of mines were shut down in the state because of a large glut and relatively lower prices of oil and gas products. The lower price of oil raised the cost of producing coal relative to other energy sources which in turn dropped the demand for coal.

High costs of labor and abundant stocks of coal on the Mobile docks also had adverse effects on the coal industry in the state. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, most of the 20 to 25 percent of Alabama's coal which is exported is used for steel production, largely by Japan. If the value of the dollar declines further, Japanese automobiles would be more expensive. A decline in the demand for Japanese automobiles would force cuts in automobile production levels which could cause Alabama's coal exports to shrink -- resulting in further contractions in Alabama's



mining industry. If oil and gas prices go up in 1987, making Alabama's coal more competitive, then employment in the state's coal mining industry should improve.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

The finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE) sector, though small, is highly susceptible to economic downturns. It posted an average annual growth rate in employment of about 4.5 percent during the 1984-85 period and about 3.4 percent during 1986. The expansion in this sector was mainly led by the real estate industry, which performed exceptionally well due to the decline in mortgage rates and a strong growth in the housing industry.

The expansion in Alabama's real estate industry also helped the finance industry enjoy a strong growth in 1986. Since the state's new interstate banking law took effect on July 1, 1987, the finance and insurance industry, through mergers and deregulations, is expected to grow stronger and maintain a moderate growth rate of about 2.2 percent in 1987.

Construction

The construction sector was one of the Alabama's strongest growing sectors during the period 1983-1985. But in 1986 it suffered a slight decline in employment of about one percent over the previous year's level.

The high growth in the construction sector was mainly due to the overall economic growth during 1986 and the low mortgage interest rates. There was an increase in apartment building construction during 1986. During the last part of 1986 the strong construction activity was mainly due to new tax legislation that is taking place in 1987. The new tax legislation puts a limit on the volume of tax exempt revenue bonds used for financing construction of commercial and apartment buildings.

Due to an over supply of commercial construction in larger cities, total construction employment is not likely to increase much in 1987. However, if the demand for residential housing remains strong, employment in the construction sector could grow at its previous year's level of four percent.

Agriculture and Farming

The agriculture and farm sector in Alabama, as in several other states, continued to decline due to excess supply, weak demand, and financial pressures on the farming community. Total farm employment declined by 3.3 percent in 1986 and is expected to continue this decline through 1987.

The drop in the demand for the state's farm products has also declined the values of farm land during the last few years. Although farm sector employment continues to decline, livestock and agricultural services are expected to increase employment due to higher prices for most products, especially fish and poultry.

Over the next few years farm employment will continue to decline, although at a slower rate. However, agricultural industries other than farming, forestry, and fishery industries in Alabama should gain employment at an annual rate of about three percent.

Conclusion

The nondurable goods industry group and the mining sector suffered from trade imbalances and declining demand in world markets. If it were not for the relatively small international trade sector in Alabama, the state's economy would have been in worse shape.

The decline in the value of the dollar against other major currencies in 1987 could improve the flow of goods, resulting in increased export activity and a decline in imports. However, the international trade picture will not improve much over its 1986 levels.

World demand for Alabama's coal and other exports declined in response to the glut in the energy sector and international competition respectively. The state's manufacturing sector, on the other hand, due to the lower value of the dollar can improve its trade picture in 1987 through an increase in its share in both domestic and international markets.

An increase in oil and gas prices should increase output and employment in the mining sector, improving its competitiveness both in domestic and international markets. The construction sector, which has performed relatively well in recent years, should at least maintain its share of the previous year's employment level. Improvements in the manufacturing sector could also contribute to the growth of the construction sector. □

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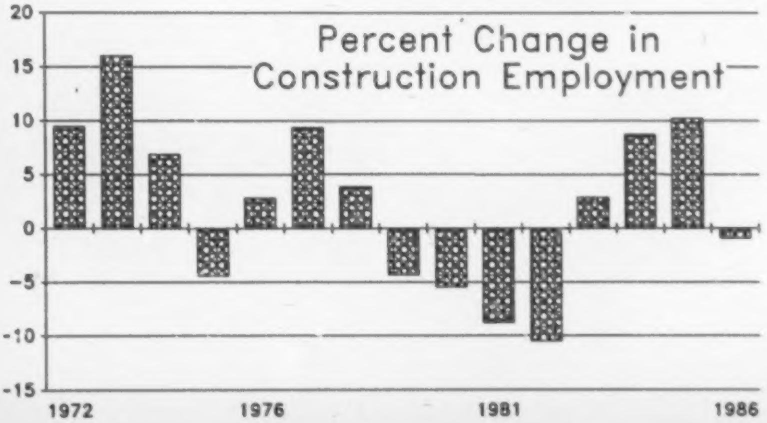
Percent Change in Construction Employment

THE ECONOMY IN PERSPECTIVE: TALLADEGA COUNTY

Patrick B. Trammell

Talladega County is located in east central Alabama roughly one-third of the way between Birmingham and Atlanta, along Interstate 20. The word Talladega is of Creek Indian origin and simply translated, means "border town."

Recorded history of the county begins in 1540, when Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto arrived and spent a month there, with the population of the Indian town of Coosa. A major center of the Creek Indian Nation, Coosa was located near present day Childersburg. In 1832, a treaty was ratified between the Creek Nation and the United States Government, by which land comprising Talladega and eight other counties was bought from the Indians for $210,000.

Today, the population of Talladega County numbers approximately 76,500, with steady increases projected for the future. The county has three cities, six incorporated towns, and several unincorporated communities. The largest city and county seat is Talladega (population 19,800). Sylacauga (population 13,000) and Childersburg (population 5,000) are the other major incorporated areas.

Although overwhelmingly an agricultural economy until the turn of the twentieth century, the introduction of the first textile mill began the shift of the economy toward a more manufacturing orientation. Today less than one percent of the personal income earned in Talladega County is from farm income. Of the remainder, forty-seven percent is from manufacturing. Avondale Mills in Sylacauga is one of the largest employers and, when coupled with other mills, reinforces the economic importance of the textile industry to the county.

An avenue for economic diversification has presented itself in the form of the wood products and timber industry. Kimberly-Clark Corporation's Coosa Plant located near Childersburg, and Georgia Pacific Corporation's plywood plant located near Talladega employ several thousand Talladega Countians in the newsprint and plywood manufacturing industries.

Another source for employment diversification is in government employment. Seventeen percent of the nonfarm personal income is earned through government employment. A large percentage of this is from the Anniston Army Depot, located in neighboring Calhoun County, to which many residents commute.

Although in 1984 Talladega County ranked thirteenth in the state in population, its per capita income was only 83 percent of the state average, and two-thirds of the national average.

An important area of emphasis for the development of premium job opportunities is in the field of education. Talladega can be proud that its average educational attainment level increased significantly between the 1970 and the 1980 Censuses. In 1970 only 6.5 pecent of adults had education beyond high school. By 1980, 18 percent had some college experience. We can expect the 1990 census to show still futher progress.

Talladega County has extensive educational facilities available to its citizenry. The county boasts one of the most widely respected minority liberal arts colleges in the nation in Talladega College. Eight high schools, as well as two vocational schools, serve the area's young people. Nunnally State Technical College near Childersburg provides advanced vocational and technical training past the high school level, and vocational skills are taught to the handicapped at E. H. Gentry Technical School in Talladega. The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega provides quality academic and vocational instruction for the State's deaf and blind population.

Another large contributor to the economic base of Talladega County is related to the tourism industry. Each year over one quarter of a million tourists visit the Alabama International Motor Speedway and adjoining Motor Sports Hall of Fame.Talladega National Forest provides year round hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor activities. In addition to providing a large capital influx to the economy, these local attractions also provide the area with valuable exposure across the nation.

The economic situation of Talladega County in many ways mirrors the economic situation of rural counties throughout the South. In order to recruit attractive new industries to the area or provide an atmosphere for internal economic development, Talladega County must leverage its substantial educational resources. Talladega County is poised to provide climate conducive to industrial development in order to provide a more prosperous life for future generations. ☐

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NEWS BRIEFS

ALABAMA VETERANS

Veterans Day is November 11, 1987. As of 1986, the latest year for which data are available, Alabama has 409 thousand veterans. Of these, 325 thousand, or 79 percent, are war veterans and 21 percent are peacetime veterans.

A large number of Alabama veterans have served in two wars. Seventeen thousand Alabama veterans have served during World War II and the Korean conflict. Fourteen thousand Alabamians have served during the Korean conflict and also during the Vietnam Era. There is no tabulation of veterans whose service may have spanned more than two wars.

Alabama has approximately two thousand veterans of World War I. Most of these are between 86 and 90 years old. The youngest are between 81 and 85 years old. Most World War II veterans are older than 62 years. World War II service accounts for the bulk of Alabama's veterans. Vietnam Era service accounts for a second large group.

Fewer than four percent of Alabama's veterans are women. Almost half of these are peacetime veterans. The Vietnam Era and World War II provided almost all the female wartime veterans.

Fifteen percent of Alabama's veterans are black. Not suprisingly, less than one percent, only a few hundred people, of Alabama's veterans are of Spanish origin.

Congress has been concerned about unemployment among war veterans. The Veterans Administration recently released a study finding that most unemployment among war veterans occurs in blue-collar occupations. An additional finding from the data is that unemployment rates of war veterans exceed those of their nonveteran counterparts among young males 25 to 34 years. The paper does not address unemployment among peacetime veterans such as those from the post-Vietnam Era period.

More information can be found from the Veterans Administration Office of Management and Statistics in Washington, D.C. ☐

POVERTY RATES DECLINING

The area of the country with the highest poverty rate is the South, but that rate has declined some since 1983. The number of poor and the poverty rates in the Northeast and Midwest regions declined between 1985 and 1986, but there were no significant changes in that time in the South or West according to data recently released from the March 1987 Current Population Survey.

Nearly 35 percent of all families headed by a woman, with no husband present, live in poverty. Only six percent of married-couple families fall below the poverty line.

Neither the number of poor nor the poverty rate changed significantly for whites, blacks, nor for persons of other races between 1985 and 1986. The poverty rate in 1986 was 11 percent for whites, 31 percent for blacks, and 16 percent for persons of other races.

The poverty definition is set by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The money income thresholds vary by family size and composition. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Copies of the report *Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States, 1986* are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from any depository library. ☐

WORKING WOMEN

The proportions of women in some major professional, managerial, and technical occupations tradionally dominated by men have risen sharply in this decade, according to a recent report from the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Occupations where female participation increased between 1979 and 1986 among full-time workers include:

- Accountants and auditors, up from 34 percent to 40 percent.
- Computer programmers, from 28 percent to 40 percent.
- Computer system analysts, from 20 percent to 30 percent.
- Lawyers, from 10 percent to 15 percent.
- Selected managers and administrators, from 22 percent to 29 percent.
- Electrical and electronic engineers, from 4 percent to 9 percent.

Copies of *Male-Female Differences in Work Experience, Occupations, and Earnings*, Series P-70, No. 10, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from any depository library. ☐

METHODS OF POPULATION PROJECTION

James C. Raymondo

A recent issue of ***Alabama Business*** discussed the difference between population estimates and population projections, and described some of the major methods of population estimation. In this issue some methods of population projection are discussed. It might be useful to begin by pointing out the difference between a population estimate and a population projection.

There are two major differences between a population estimate and a population projection. First, population estimates are made for a time in the past. Usually the estimation period is relatively recent and will be for the previous year, although there are some population estimates that are made on a monthly basis by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Population projections, by contrast, refer to a time in the future.

The second major difference between a population estimate and a population projection concerns the nature of the data one uses to calculate the population total. Estimates are based on actual data reported for the area being estimated. Population projections are based on the extension of past trends and assumptions about the future.

Methods of Population Projection

Methods of population projection range from the simple to the complex, and vary in their requirements of data and technical expertise. Most methods of population projection fall into one of three broad categories: extrapolation, econometric, and cohort component.

Extrapolation Methods

Extrapolation methods are generally the simplest approach to population projection, and require the least amount of data. These techniques involve an extension of a past growth rate into the future. The methods vary in the number of past observations of population that are used and in the method of extending the growth rate.

For ease of explanation let us assume that we have information on the population of an area at two points in time. Typically we might have data from the two most recent decennial censuses. We could take two different approaches with those data.

The first approach is to assume an *arithmetic rate of growth*. A population is growing arithmetically if it increases by the same amount over similar periods of time. For example, we might observe that an area has grown by approximately 5,000 persons over the past ten year period. To apply the technique one would simply start with the population in the base year and add 5,000 persons every ten years until the end point of the desired projection period is reached.

A second extrapolation approach might assume an *exponential rate of growth*. An exponential rate of growth assumes that the population will increase by a given percentage over a particular time period rather than by just a constant number of people. In the case of our former example, the 5,000 person increase may have represented an eight percent increase from one time period to the next.

We would therefore project an eight percent increase for each ten year period until the end point of the desired projection period is reached. The difference between an arithmetic rate of growth and an exponential rate of growth is similar to the difference between simple and compound interest.

Extrapolation projection methods can provide reasonably accurate projections in areas where there is a stable pattern of population growth, and when the projection period is short.

Econometric Methods

Econometric methods of population projection are more complex than simple extrapolation techniques and usually tie population change in an area to change in economic conditions. The methods vary depending on the nature of the econometric model available, but the general structure of most models is similar.

Population projections from econometric models begin with the projection of future employment in an area. The population of the area in the base year is then projected forward, assuming no net migration. This step involves applying survival rates and birth rates to the base year population.

The key component is the resulting projected size of the *working age population* (usually defined as those aged 15 to 64), assuming no net migration. Labor force participation rates and unemployment rates are then applied to the projected working age population to yield the projected labor force. The size of the projected working age population is then adjusted upward or downward after comparing the projected working age population with future employment needs.

Net inmigration is assumed if the projected working age population is not sufficient to meet projected future employment needs, and net outmigration is assumed if the projected working age population is larger than the projected future employment needs. Projections for the younger ages of 0 to 14 years, and the older ages of 65 and over are usually based on the ratio of those groups to the working age population observed previously in the base year.

Econometric models are not widely used for population projections for a number of reasons. The method requires the existence of an econometric model at the level of the desired population projections. For example, state level projections would require a state level model, county level projections would require a county level model, and so on.

In addition, it is difficult to project labor force participation rates and unemployment rates. An area may experience an increase in new jobs, but will those jobs go to individuals in the area who are currently unemployed, or will go to individuals who move into the area?

The limited age detail available from an econometric model approach to population projections is an improvement over extrapolation techniques, but is not sufficient for many applications. It is often desirable to have more than just the projected population total, or totals for broadly defined age groups. One may be interested in projections of the school age population, the working age population, or the elderly population in greater detail for specific planning needs. Detailed projections by age, race, and sex are usually the result of a demographic model.

Cohort Component Models

Cohort Component Models are so named because they examine each *cohort* or age group separately, and because they examine the *components of population change*: births, deaths, and net migration separately. The method involves the construction of birth, death, and net migration rates which can then be applied to the known base year population.

Birth rates are usually obtained from state vital statistics data and should be of the level of detail one wants in the population projections. For example, birth data by race should be used if projections by race are desired.

Death rates are also required in a Cohort Component Model, and frequently come from state vital statistics data. Actually one uses death rates in an intermediate step. In population projections we are just as interested in the number of people who will survive from one time to the next as we are in the number of people who will die from one time to the next, so data on the number of deaths are used to derive survival rates for the population.

Once derived, the survival rates may by applied to the base population to determine the number who will survive to the next period in the projection process. For example, if there are 5,000 individuals aged 15 to 19 in an area in the base year and the ten-year survival rate for 15 to 19 year olds is .95, then we would expect 95 percent or 4,750 of the base year 15 to 19 cohort to survive ten years to ages 25 to 29. Similar calculations are made for each age group, and also by race and sex if detailed projections are desired.

Survival rates are also used to derive another piece of information important in the Cohort Component Method. Net migration rates are derived through an analysis of the two most recent decennial censuses. Survival rates are applied to the second-to-last decennial census in order to estimate the number of expected survivors one should see in the most recent decennial census.

In this case we would apply survival rates to the 1970 census and estimate how many people should be enumerated in the 1980 census. The actual 1980 count is then compared with the estimated count and the difference is attributed to net migration. For example, if the ten year survival rate of 20 to 24 year olds is .93, and the 1970 census indicates that there are 8,000 individuals aged 20 to 24 years old in an area, then we would expect to find 7,440 individuals aged 30 to 34 years old ten years later when the 1980 census is taken.

However, if the 1980 data indicate 9,000 individuals aged 30 to 34 years old, we know that the area has experienced a net inmigration of some size. We will assume that the inmigration totals 1,560 individuals (this number being the difference between the expected 7,440 and the observed 9,000).

Of course part of the difference between the expected and the observed population of 30 to 34 year olds is due to some other factors. There is a certain amount of error in the census counts and the size of the error varies from census to census. Survival rates also vary over time. Unfortunately, we are seldom in a position to know the amount of error in the census data, and it is not possible to calculate exact survival rates over time. We therefore simply assume that all of the difference between the expected total and the observed total is due to net migration.

The net migration rates resulting from the analysis of the two most recent censuses along with birth and survival rates can then be applied to the base year population providing the three components in the projection model. The projection process then proceeds, usually in increments of five or ten years, until the end point of the desired projection period is reached.

Population estimation and projection reports from the U.S. Bureau of the Census P-25 and P-26 series of the Current Population Reports may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Additionally, UA/CBER has produced a set of population estimates by age, race, and sex for Alabama counties for 1985-95. ☐

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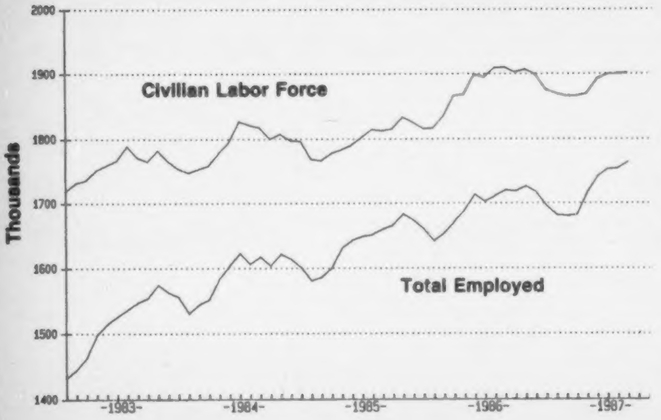
ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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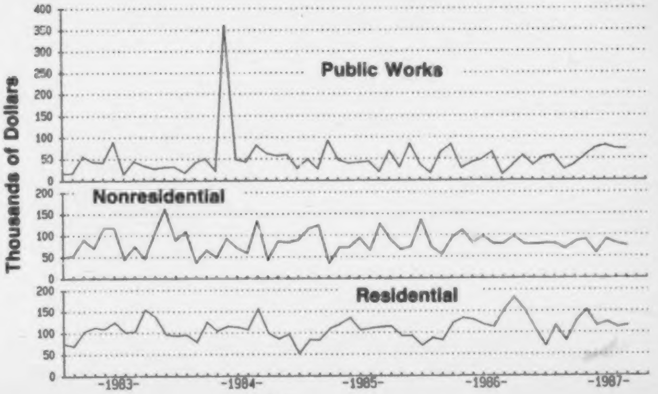

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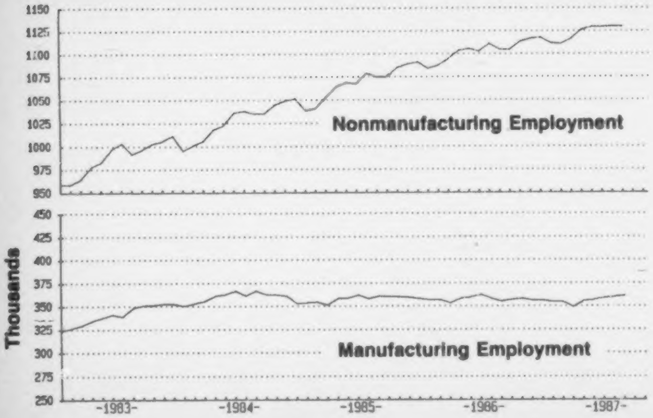

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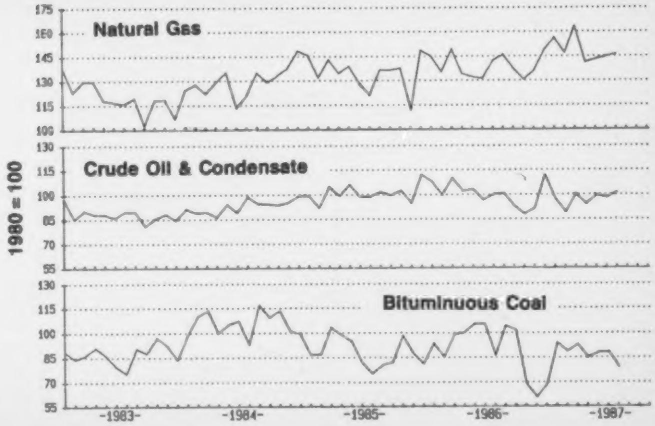

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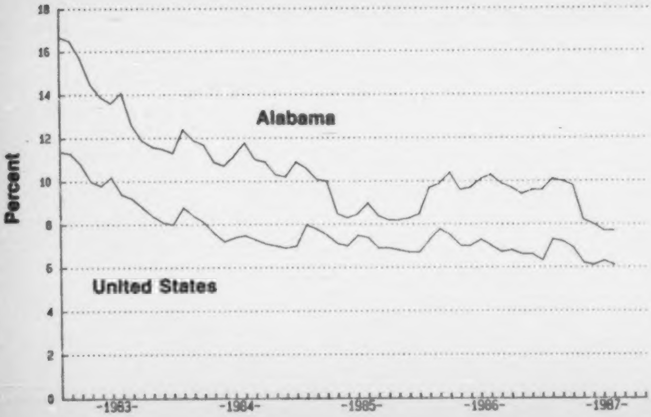

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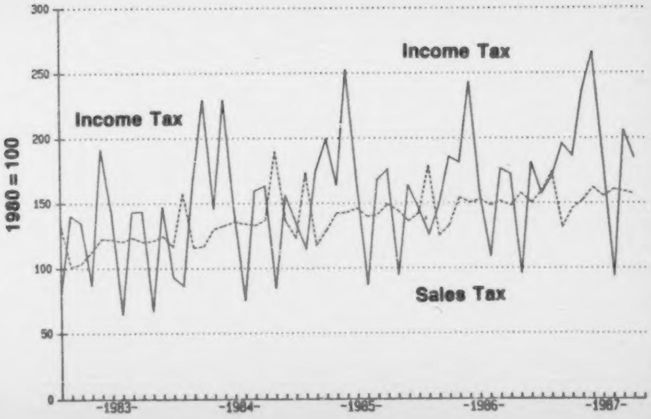

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986						1987						
	1985	1986	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	1,911	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	12,534	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	27,600	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,780	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,036	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	523	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,026,600	265,600	258,400	315,300	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500
Residential	1,240,900	1,488,300	120,400	165,700	183,100	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	998,800	79,900	79,500	97,200	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800
Public works and utilities	581,800	539,500	65,300	13,300	35,000	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	121	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,752	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893	6,824	6,753	6,733	....
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	216,052	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349
Franchise	69,838	75,088	1,148	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	17,557	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	62,009	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,735	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,527	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	717	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937
Sales	730,389	775,708	63,568	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	13,951	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,719	7,438	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,504	6,280	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732
Use	79,253	84,390	17,872	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,963	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	328.0	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.0	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.2
Food	309.8	319.7	320.1	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6
Housing	349.9	360.2	361.5	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	389.4	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	203.2	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5
Transportation	319.9	307.5	304.7	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5
Medical care	403.1	433.5	434.8	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1
Energy	426.5	370.3	366.5	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	297.4	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.3	308.5	310.2
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	308.5	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.6	320.2	322.6
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294	.293
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.336	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.325	.324	.322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,909.1	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	197.6	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	10.3	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,711.5	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,469.5	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	358.2	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	175.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	25.3	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	23.0	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.3	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7
Transportation	26.4	27.2	28.3	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	17.8	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	183.0	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5
Food	29.1	30.1	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5
Apparel	53.6	53.7	54.3	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	19.1	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,111.3	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.0	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	77.7	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3	78.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	72.2	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2
Trade	305.6	320.4	322.6	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	77.7	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2
Retail	229.6	243.5	244.9	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	246.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.9	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	259.7	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0	269.1	270.0
Government	295.9	297.0	297.2	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.5	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9
State and local	230.7	232.8	232.7	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986						1987						
	1985	1986	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	26,404	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	....
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	21,350	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	47,267	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	....
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	16,966	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086 8.7	15,694 7.9	16,030 8.5	15,870 7.5	15,970 8.1	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6	15,770 8.6	15,890 8.1	16,160 8.2	16,190 7.3	16,040 6.6
Baldwin	37,063 7.9	38,264 8.9	39,250 9.5	38,780 8.0	38,170 8.3	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5	39,520 12.6	37,990 7.7	38,280 7.2	38,340 6.6	38,320 6.5
Barbour	11,368 10.6	11,903 9.5	11,860 9.2	12,080 9.6	12,370 10.6	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4	11,850 9.4	11,830 9.0	11,920 7.9	12,050 8.6	11,820 7.7
Bibb	6,965 12.3	7,273 13.3	7,370 11.5	7,370 11.6	7,320 11.4	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8	7,220 14.7	7,120 13.4	7,090 10.8	7,220 10.9	7,280 9.2	7,370 10.2
Blount	15,743 7.6	16,682 9.0	16,740 8.6	16,760 8.8	16,740 8.6	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,680 9.8	17,070 11.0	16,980 9.1	17,040 8.3	17,110 7.5	16,890 6.3
Bullock	3,716 16.0	3,971 17.3	4,080 19.4	4,030 18.4	4,060 15.9	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7	3,750 14.1	3,800 12.7	3,870 11.7	3,960 14.2	4,020 15.9
Butler	9,057 12.4	9,382 11.7	9,170 11.6	9,520 11.7	9,420 11.6	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0	9,650 13.5	9,430 9.3	9,640 10.2	9,810 10.4	9,780 12.2
Calhoun	49,921 9.0	51,892 9.6	52,560 10.2	52,370 9.5	52,420 10.0	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.2	51,760 11.2	51,420 8.7	51,770 8.0	52,280 7.7	52,550 7.3
Chambers	16,870 8.9	17,241 8.6	17,840 12.0	17,540 9.3	17,260 9.1	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7	17,000 7.7	17,010 7.3	17,190 6.7	17,360 6.2	17,690 6.1	17,870 5.9
Cherokee	7,872 15.1	7,768 13.5	7,730 12.6	7,820 11.0	7,850 10.2	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 12.0	7,860 17.3	8,040 9.7	8,140 9.0	8,240 8.5	8,130 7.2
Chilton	15,008 10.4	15,723 10.6	15,890 9.5	15,750 9.3	15,800 10.0	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2	15,560 11.9	15,350 10.1	15,780 10.0	15,810 8.5	15,800 9.1
Choctaw	6,618 13.8	7,481 14.9	7,730 17.7	7,550 14.5	7,180 13.5	7,390 13.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1	7,060 18.7	6,800 10.5	6,860 9.3	6,920 8.2	6,970 7.9
Clarke	11,033 10.0	11,363 11.4	11,430 10.4	11,480 9.7	11,360 9.9	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8	11,480 17.8	11,290 10.1	11,390 9.7	11,380 9.5	11,490 9.3
Clay	6,356 11.0	6,358 15.0	6,270 11.5	6,380 11.8	6,250 12.9	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2	6,130 10.9	6,260 20.8	6,120 9.4	6,150 9.3	6,030 9.1	6,160 8.5
Cleburne	5,750 9.2	5,719 8.8	5,750 7.6	5,890 9.2	5,930 15.2	5,800 8.3	5,640 6.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1	5,310 12.4	5,320 7.9	5,400 7.5	5,260 7.2	5,290 7.7
Coffee	17,103 7.2	17,625 8.8	17,510 8.2	18,070 7.6	18,040 9.2	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0	17,070 7.6	17,310 7.1	17,610 6.6	17,470 6.1	17,470 5.9
Colbert	24,147 13.4	24,628 13.9	25,020 15.0	25,020 14.2	24,860 14.3	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6	23,940 12.7	23,800 10.8	24,200 10.8	24,010 9.8	23,970 9.6
Conecuh	6,309 10.9	6,458 16.0	6,170 12.7	6,300 15.3	6,290 15.4	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1	6,610 25.4	6,140 17.3	6,200 17.2	6,010 16.6	5,970 14.9
Coosa	4,591 7.6	4,760 8.0	4,650 8.7	4,720 8.1	4,790 7.4	4,830 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3	4,810 6.7	4,750 7.0	4,780 5.4	4,850 5.8	4,820 5.6	4,870 5.3
Covington	17,005 9.8	17,224 10.7	17,260 10.4	17,240 10.1	17,490 10.5	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2	17,250 9.4	17,460 8.0	17,710 7.3	17,600 6.7	17,750 6.8
Crenshaw	6,071 8.8	6,187 9.0	6,120 8.3	6,280 8.2	6,430 7.5	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8	6,260 18.0	6,180 9.0	6,380 9.3	6,240 8.6	6,180 9.2
Cullman	30,434 9.7	31,390 9.4	31,680 9.4	31,730 8.9	32,030 8.9	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2	30,900 9.5	31,320 8.5	31,730 7.8	31,460 7.5	31,430 7.7
Dale	15,873 9.2	16,753 10.1	17,120 11.0	17,000 10.1	17,070 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1	16,730 9.2	16,800 8.1	16,990 7.5	16,980 7.3	17,210 7.9
Dallas	22,255 14.6	23,022 15.9	23,620 15.8	23,390 15.4	22,840 15.2	22,830 15.6	22,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7	21,590 13.9	22,120 16.6	22,240 16.3	22,230 16.2	22,230 15.9
DeKalb	27,295 10.5	28,748 10.0	29,540 10.3	29,810 9.3	29,510 9.4	29,400 9.1	29,060 9.6	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3	28,230 11.0	28,550 8.6	29,110 7.9	29,070 7.4	29,350 7.2
Elmore	20,131 7.4	21,013 6.9	21,320 6.9	21,290 6.7	21,180 6.2	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6	20,800 6.3	20,990 5.9	21,360 6.0	21,590 6.0	21,560 6.0
Escambia	16,662 10.0	17,061 11.5	17,210 11.2	17,330 10.0	17,110 10.1	17,040 10.4	16,930 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8	16,590 13.7	16,900 17.2	16,290 11.2	16,300 10.4	16,480 10.1	16,570 9.4
Etowah	42,011 10.4	43,954 13.0	44,800 13.4	44,390 11.8	43,840 11.5	43,700 11.0	43,750 11.5	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1	42,880 13.0	42,530 10.2	42,760 9.8	42,720 9.1	43,030 8.8
Fayette	8,183 14.3	8,028 13.8	7,850 13.8	8,030 13.4	8,070 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,840 12.9	7,720 12.6	7,750 11.6	7,830 11.4	7,700 10.3	7,620 10.3
Franklin	14,928 13.8	15,310 13.6	15,930 16.0	15,740 13.5	15,120 12.5	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9	15,020 13.2	15,100 10.7	15,250 10.1	15,340 9.4	15,280 8.9
Geneva	10,747 9.5	11,047 8.5	11,400 9.6	11,340 7.9	11,400 8.2	11,590 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4	10,370 8.4	10,510 8.2	10,650 7.2	10,880 6.1	10,950 6.0	10,850 5.4
Greene	3.801 17.7	3,733 15.9	3,710 15.8	3,760 15.4	3,830 15.1	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3	3,760 17.0	3,900 19.7	3,720 13.9	3,760 13.3	3,770 18.0	3,790 17.6
Hale	5,783 11.5	5,986 10.7	6,010 9.9	6,170 11.6	6.230 9.8	6.290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8	6,140 10.1	6,190 8.4	6,280 7.7	6,280 9.8	6,110 7.9
Henry	6,683 10.8	6,631 9.7	6,560 10.0	6,620 8.7	6,840 9.1	6,830 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7	6,410 7.4	6,710 7.6	6,900 7.2	6,720 6.8	6,670 7.2
Houston	37,718 7.6	39,734 8.3	40,540 9.1	40,160 8.0	40,320 8.0	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5	39,560 7.1	39,960 6.5	40,410 6.0	40,460 5.9	40,630 5.6
Jackson	20,381 12.4	20,968 14.7	20,960 15.2	21,000 13.7	21,050 13.1	21,150 12.1	21,370 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6	20,600 10.9	20,660 9.3	20,890 9.2	20,800 10.3	20,560 9.8
Jefferson	318,469 6.8	335,634 7.7	340,350 8.3	342,060 8.8	341,530 8.6	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7	335,270 7.6	338,280 6.8	340,460 6.3	344,870 6.3	345,930 6.7
Lamar	8,807 8.1	8,856 8.9	9,140 11.4	8,930 9.5	9,000 10.5	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3	8,900 8.2	8,830 6.7	8,970 6.6	9,030 6.7	9,050 7.6
Lauderdale	36,244 10.9	37,027 11.6	37,260 11.9	37,270 11.0	37,100 11.2	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1	36,030 10.3	35,760 8.4	36,270 8.1	36,470 8.3	36,550 8.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986						1987						
	1985	1986	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,615	12,632	12,650	13,040	12,720	12,910	12,620	12,150	12,040	12,070	12,170	12,100	12,380	12,210	12,120
	12.8	14.6	14.1	15.5	12.9	13.6	14.1	14.9	15.9	15.9	16.1	13.6	13.5	12.7	13.3
Lee	37,526	38,124	38,440	37,760	37,790	38,070	38,260	37,430	37,040	37,050	36,830	37,000	37,540	36,740	36,650
	6.9	7.7	9.5	7.5	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.9
Limestone	26,997	29,806	29,910	29,900	30,460	30,570	30,330	29,730	29,720	29,230	29,200	29,370	29,870	29,280	29,370
	7.2	8.9	9.3	11.1	7.5	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.4	7.6
Lowndes	4,686	4,525	4,420	4,590	4,670	4,720	4,750	4,580	4,350	4,390	4,430	4,560	4,800	4,620	4,660
	14.5	15.8	18.0	18.7	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.0	17.9	17.5	16.7	16.6	23.6	24.7	23.7
Macon	10,416	10,693	10,910	10,850	10,760	10,910	10,710	10,650	10,480	10,430	10,430	10,480	10,700	10,790	10,930
	8.3	9.0	9.8	9.1	8.1	9.2	8.4	8.5	7.7	6.8	6.6	5.7	6.6	7.0	7.7
Madison	117,702	126,253	128,590	128,380	128,380	128,630	128,660	127,930	126,610	126,190	126,360	126,870	128,380	129,660	130,410
	6.0	7.2	7.5	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.6	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.3
Marengo	9,828	10,045	10,110	10,070	10,070	10,140	10,020	9,970	9,800	9,730	10,080	9,800	9,940	9,840	9,780
	10.3	11.1	13.5	10.3	9.5	9.6	10.2	10.7	10.4	9.5	16.1	8.7	8.4	7.6	7.4
Marion	15,258	16,083	16,550	16,220	16,110	16,150	15,960	15,610	15,620	15,380	15,400	15,230	15,400	15,530	15,600
	13.9	14.3	16.4	14.5	14.9	14.1	15.2	15.3	16.9	15.7	17.1	10.9	10.1	9.8	10.8
Marshall	35,583	37,011	38,250	37,450	37,380	37,000	37,020	36,420	36,300	36,380	36,270	36,320	37,080	37,140	37,420
	8.7	11.8	14.0	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.1	10.4	10.7	10.8	10.2	8.5	8.1	7.8	7.4
Mobile	166,284	172,880	176,630	176,980	173,910	173,620	173,350	171,770	171,770	171,420	169,800	171,920	173,400	175,080	175,160
	9.5	11.1	11.3	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.6	10.7	11.5	11.5	10.3	10.0	9.6	9.8	9.8
Monroe	9,142	9,649	9,520	9,760	9,720	9,750	9,810	9,650	9,740	9,780	10,070	9,520	9,640	9,700	9,530
	13.5	13.3	10.5	9.8	9.2	10.2	12.6	15.1	14.3	14.5	28.1	10.8	11.7	11.2	9.0
Montgomery	92,439	97,695	99,450	99,110	99,020	99,750	99,480	97,830	97,510	97,280	96,980	97,570	99,450	100,300	100,220
	7.0	7.6	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.7
Morgan	43,439	45,825	46,770	47,190	46,010	46,260	45,920	45,670	45,390	45,360	45,840	45,700	46,640	46,680	47,360
	8.1	10.0	10.5	11.5	9.7	9.9	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.1	11.1	8.9	9.9	8.1	8.7
Perry	5,283	5,444	5,540	5,540	5,520	5,630	5,620	5,500	5,480	5,430	5,450	5,460	5,710	5,590	5,500
	12.9	12.9	12.5	12.9	10.9	10.4	15.4	20.3	19.0	12.5	12.7	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.2
Pickens	7,008	7,558	7,690	7,900	7,870	8,050	7,750	7,520	7,470	7,390	7,280	7,240	7,450	7,380	7,350
	15.3	14.7	14.7	15.5	13.6	15.0	15.1	15.5	15.6	15.0	15.1	11.6	11.6	11.1	10.5
Pike	11,773	12,612	12,490	12,650	12,980	13,190	13,030	12,210	12,630	12,650	12,650	12,640	12,880	12,870	12,530
	7.9	8.6	9.5	9.5	7.5	8.4	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1
Randolph	8,875	9,424	9,330	9,750	9,450	9,520	9,600	9,430	9,440	9,410	9,470	9,390	9,420	9,320	9,100
	9.6	9.2	9.7	12.4	10.4	9.4	8.3	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	8.3
Russell	22,271	22,641	22,780	22,960	22,790	22,900	22,810	22,700	22,680	22,430	22,440	22,520	22,590	22,790	22,500
	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.1	8.8	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.7	8.9	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.0	6.6
St. Clair	19,778	20,610	21,200	20,700	20,710	20,700	20,620	20,610	20,440	20,380	20,590	20,630	20,870	20,950	20,820
	8.4	8.4	10.2	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	6.8	6.8	5.7	5.4
Shelby	35,602	37,153	37,510	37,310	37,320	38,170	37,440	37,340	37,010	37,010	37,080	37,250	37,810	38,330	38,110
	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.5	8.3	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.9	5.2
Sumter	6,143	6,243	6,460	6,410	6,230	6,260	6,160	5,800	5,830	5,810	5,810	5,710	5,740	5,660	5,730
	13.8	21.0	25.1	22.5	18.3	17.9	17.8	17.2	16.3	15.5	16.1	13.1	11.6	14.2	14.1
Talladega	31,462	32,143	32,810	32,950	32,660	32,590	32,350	32,170	32,110	32,160	32,290	32,040	32,330	32,710	32,590
	13.2	12.4	13.6	13.0	13.1	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.5	12.2	12.4	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.1
Tallapoosa	18,028	19,101	19,640	19,720	19,430	19,360	19,350	19,110	19,060	19,010	19,130	19,190	19,520	19,930	19,650
	8.4	8.0	9.3	8.2	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.5	7.5	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.6	6.7	6.4
Tuscaloosa	64,304	68,450	67,710	69,420	70,000	70,000	69,930	69,250	69,180	69,180	69,190	69,800	70,010	69,020	69,050
	6.8	7.7	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.4	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.3
Walker	28,188	30,633	31,700	30,110	29,750	29,350	29,730	29,760	30,000	29,860	30,020	30,050	30,220	30,380	29,960
	11.6	15.2	17.4	13.1	12.0	10.6	11.9	12.5	14.1	13.7	13.4	12.0	11.5	10.8	9.6
Washington	5,826	5,594	5,770	5,530	5,570	5,580	5,570	5,530	5,490	5,430	5,650	5,160	5,200	5,130	5,080
	15.1	19.4	22.0	18.1	17.8	16.9	17.6	20.3	20.6	19.5	23.2	15.2	14.2	13.9	12.8
Wilcox	4,341	4,402	4,480	4,490	4,430	4,500	4,470	4,330	4,300	4,280	4,270	4,340	4,440	4,370	4,320
	15.7	16.8	18.8	17.1	15.7	15.3	15.9	14.7	14.8	14.4	13.5	13.8	14.3	13.6	14.0
Winston	10,344	10,288	10,320	10,350	10,220	10,130	10,230	9,990	10,080	9,910	9,830	9,710	9,810	9,870	9,890
	17.5	21.1	19.2	19.2	17.0	16.4	20.0	20.0	22.9	22.8	20.5	14.9	13.2	12.6	11.9
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	58,464	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	54,600	....	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	1,045	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	1,068	631	....	....	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,564	765,872	33,052	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	75,064	....	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	1,725	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	2,109	....	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	2,934	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	2,820	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	181,501	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	....	....
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	15,309	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to January 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving though private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986					1987							
	1985	1986	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	2,309	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,266	146,936	12,864	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	36,498	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	....
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,786	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,057	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	....
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	526	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,025,100	258,400	313,800	288,400	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400
Residential	1,240,900	1,477,600	165,700	172,400	152,500	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,008,900	79,500	107,300	78,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300
Public works and utilities	581,800	538,600	13,300	34,100	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400.
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	119	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	6,287	6,707	6,737	6,751	6,768	6,735	6,767	6,804	6,879	6,893	6,824	6,753	6,733	....	....
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	235,312	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703
Franchise	69,838	75,088	6,214	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	865	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	18,853	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	100,506	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	5,252	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,626	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	737	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881
Sales	730,389	775,708	65,048	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	43	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	7,436	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,260	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945
Use	79,253	84,390	1,161	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062
Utility	156,209	160,233	13,354	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	328.6	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8	342.7
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.2	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.2	.6
Food	309.8	319.7	322.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6	333.8
Housing	349.9	360.2	362.4	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5	374.9
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	389.5	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1	391.1
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	207.0	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5	214.7
Transportation	319.9	307.5	301.3	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5	320.2
Medical care	403.1	433.5	437.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1	466.1
Energy	426.5	370.3	358.6	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4	388.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	297.2	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.3	308.5	310.2	310.5
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	307.9	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.6	320.2	322.6	323.8
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.304	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294	.293	.292
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.336	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.325	.324	.322	.322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,909.9	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5	1,904.2
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	189.5	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6	138.0
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.2
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,720.4	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9	1,766.2
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,459.6	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0	1,490.8
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	355.0	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1	362.0
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	170.1	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6	175.5
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	23.8	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7	24.5
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	22.6	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9	23.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.5	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	22.1
Transportation	26.4	27.2	25.5	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6	26.6
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3	18.3
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	184.9	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5	186.5
Food	29.1	30.1	30.3	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	38.0	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5	38.8
Apparel	53.6	53.7	55.1	55.0	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0	54.4
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	19.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.2
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	17.1
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,104.6	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9	1,128.8
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	77.9	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3	78.3	78.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	72.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2	72.3
Trade	305.6	320.4	323.8	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6	330.4
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	77.4	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2	76.9
Retail	229.6	243.5	246.4	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4	253.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.9	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4	71.1
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	259.0	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0	269.1	270.0	270.6
Government	295.9	297.0	289.9	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9	294.5
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.6	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9	68.2
State and local	230.7	232.8	225.3	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0	226.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986					1987							
	1985	1986	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	21,803	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	....	....
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	10,926	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	....	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	27,762	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	....	....
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	14,178	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	....	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086	15,694	15,870	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160	16,190	16,040	16,050
	8.7	7.9	7.5	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.3	6.6	6.3
Baldwin	37,063	38,264	38,780	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280	38,340	38,320	38,240
	7.9	8.9	8.0	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.5
Barbour	11,368	11,903	12,080	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920	12,050	11,820	11,850
	10.6	9.5	9.6	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9	8.6	7.7	7.2
Bibb	6,965	7,273	7,370	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220	7,280	7,370	7,360
	12.3	13.3	11.6	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9	9.2	10.2	9.4
Blount	15,743	16,682	16,760	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040	17,110	16,890	17,020
	7.6	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3	7.5	6.3	6.6
Bullock	3,716	3,971	4,030	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770	3,750	3.800	3,870	3,960	4,020	4,070
	16.0	17.3	18.4	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7	14.2	15.9	15.2
Butler	9,057	9,382	9,520	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640	9,810	9,780	9,730
	12.4	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2	10.4	12.2	11.8
Calhoun	49,921	51,892	52,370	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770	52,280	52,550	52,840
	9.0	9.6	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0
Chambers	16,870	17,241	17,540	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360	17,690	17,870	18,070
	8.9	8.6	9.3	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.4
Cherokee	7,872	7,768	7,820	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140	8,240	8,130	8,160
	15.1	13.5	11.0	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0	8.5	7.2	6.2
Chilton	15,008	15,723	15,750	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780	15,810	15,800	15,830
	10.4	10.6	9.3	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.3
Choctaw	6,618	7,481	7,550	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860	6,920	6,970	7,070
	13.8	14.9	14.5	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3	8.2	7.9	7.9
Clarke	11,033	11,363	11,480	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390	11,380	11,490	11,440
	10.0	11.4	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.6
Clay	6,356	6,358	6,380	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150	6,030	6,160	6,160
	11.0	15.0	11.8	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.2
Cleburne	5,750	5,719	5,890	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400	5,260	5,290	5,250
	9.2	8.8	9.2	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.7	6.6
Coffee	17,103	17,625	18,070	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610	17,470	17,470	17,750
	7.2	8.8	7.6	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.0
Colbert	24,147	24,628	25,020	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200	24,010	23,970	24,040
	13.4	13.9	14.2	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8	9.8	9.6	9.2
Conecuh	6,309	6,458	6,300	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200	6,010	5,970	5,880
	10.9	16.0	15.3	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2	16.6	14.9	13.1
Coosa	4,591	4,760	4,720	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850	4,820	4,870	4,880
	7.6	8.0	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2
Covington	17,005	17,224	17,240	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710	17,600	17,750	17,690
	9.8	10.7	10.1	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.5
Crenshaw	6,071	6,187	6,280	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380	6,240	6,180	6,200
	8.8	9.0	8.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3	8.6	9.2	8.6
Cullman	30,434	31,390	31,730	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730	31,460	31,430	31,660
	9.7	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.6
Dale	15,873	16,753	17,000	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990	16,980	17,210	17,380
	9.2	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.7
Dallas	22,255	23,022	23,390	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240	22,230	22,230	22,000
	14.6	15.9	15.4	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3	16.2	15.9	15.1
DeKalb	27,295	28,748	29,810	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110	29,070	29,350	29,530
	10.5	10.0	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.8
Elmore	20,131	21,013	21,290	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360	21,590	21,560	21,590
	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8
Escambia	16,662	17,061	17,330	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300	16,480	16,570	16,640
	10.0	11.5	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4	10.1	9.4	9.4
Etowah	42,011	43,954	44,390	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760	42,720	43,030	43,150
	10.4	13.0	11.8	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8	9.1	8.8	8.0
Fayette	8,183	8,028	8,030	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830	7,700	7,620	7,710
	14.3	13.8	13.4	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	10.3	10.2
Franklin	14,928	15,310	15,740	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,880	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250	15,340	15,280	15,160
	13.8	13.6	13.5	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9	13.2	10.7	10.1	9.4	8.9	7.3
Geneva	10,747	11,047	11,340	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370	10,510	10,650	10,880	10,950	10,850	10,870
	9.5	8.5	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.3
Greene	3,801	3,733	3,760	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760	3,900	3,720	3,760	3,770	3,790	3,830
	17.7	15.9	15.4	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0	19.7	13.9	13.3	18.0	17.6	17.6
Hale	5,783	5,986	6,170	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050	6,140	6,190	6,280	6,280	6,110	6,210
	11.5	10.7	11.6	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8	10.1	8.4	7.7	9.8	7.9	6.8
Henry	6,683	6,631	6,620	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350	6,410	6,710	6,900	6,720	6,670	6,780
	10.8	9.7	8.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6
Houston	37,718	39,734	40,160	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520	39,560	39,960	40,410	40,460	40,630	40,940
	7.6	8.3	8.0	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.2
Jackson	20,381	20,968	21,000	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720	20,600	20,660	20,890	20,800	20,560	20 790
	12.4	14.7	13.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6	10.9	9.3	9.2	10.3	9.8	9.4
Jefferson	318,469	335,634	342,060	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480	335,270	338,280	340,460	344,870	345,930	345,860
	6.8	7.7	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.2
Lamar	8,807	8,856	8,930	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950	8,900	8,830	8,970	9,030	9,050	8,980
	8.1	8.9	9.5	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.6	6.7	7.6	6.4
Lauderdale	36,244	37,027	37,270	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120	36,030	35,760	36,270	36,470	36,550	36,590
	10.9	11.6	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1	10.3	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.5	7.8

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986					1987							
	1985	1986	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lawrence	12,615 12.8	12,632 14.6	13,040 15.5	12,720 12.9	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5	12,210 12.7	12,120 13.3	12,060 11.5
Lee	37,526 6.9	38,124 7.7	37,760 7.5	37,790 7.9	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2	36,740 5.8	36,650 5.9	36,680 5.3
Limestone	26,997 7.2	29,806 8.9	29,900 11.1	30,460 7.5	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0	29,280 6.4	29,370 7.6	29,670 5.9
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Macon	10,416 8.3	10,693 9.0	10,850 9.1	10,760 8.1	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6	10,790 7.0	10,930 7.7	10,930 7.4
Madison	117,702 6.0	126,253 7.2	128,380 7.9	128,380 7.6	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3	129,660 5.1	130,410 5.3	130,410 4.6
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Mobile	166,284 9.5	172,880 11.1	176,980 11.2	173,910 11.2	173,620 10.8	173,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6	175,080 9.8	175,160 9.8	174,170 9.5
Monroe	9,142 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,760 9.8	9,720 9.2	9,750 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7	9,700 11.2	9,530 9.0	9,700 9.3
Montgomery	92,439 7.0	97,695 7.6	99,110 7.5	99,020 7.5	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9	100,300 6.6	100,220 6.7	100,350 6.5
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TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (*$1,000*)	774,985	707,055	62,420	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	54,600	....	....	....	....
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	13,402	14,193	1,459	916	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	1,068	631	....	....	....	....
Exports															
Value (*$1,000*)	602,564	765,872	44,144	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	75,064	....	....	....	....
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	22,799	22,134	1,399	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	2,109	....	....	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] (*1,000 tons*)	38,242	38,701	2,691	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	....
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	25,020	26,789	2,980	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,436	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	....
Gasoline sales[8] (*1,000 gallons*)	1,881,466	2,012,114	173,549	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	....
New passenger car registrations[9] (*number*)	153,540	159,481	13,908	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to January 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving though private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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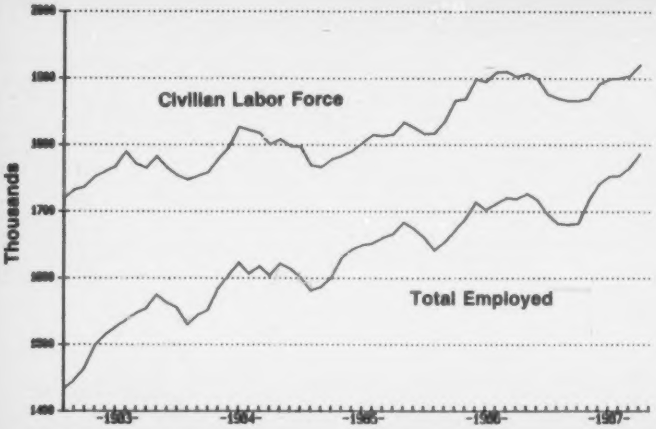

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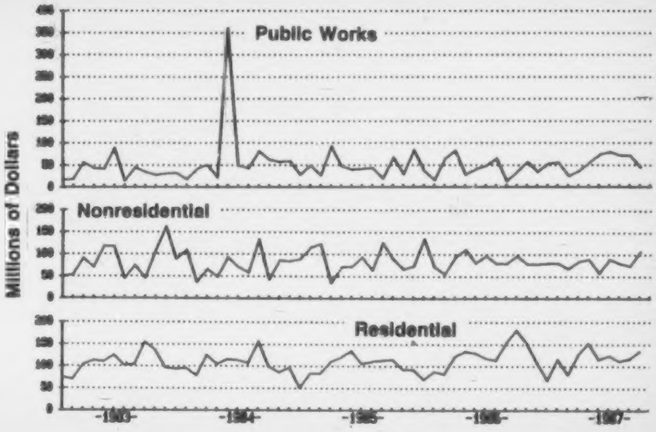

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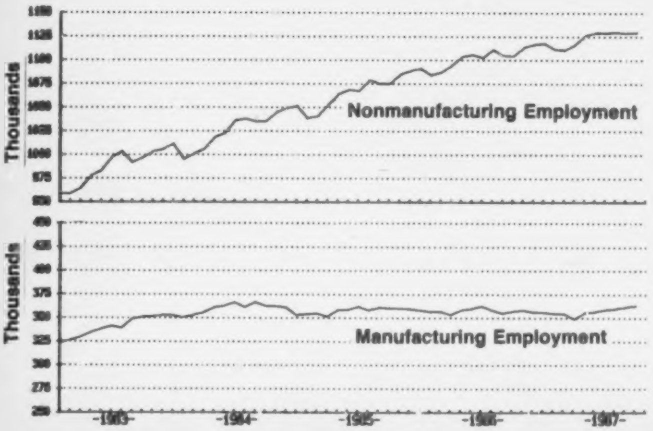

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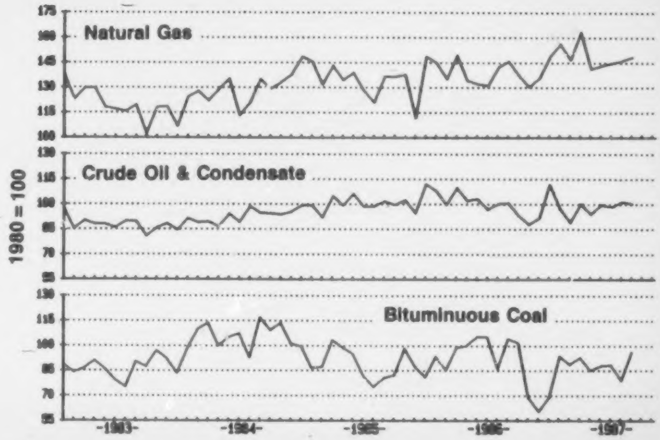

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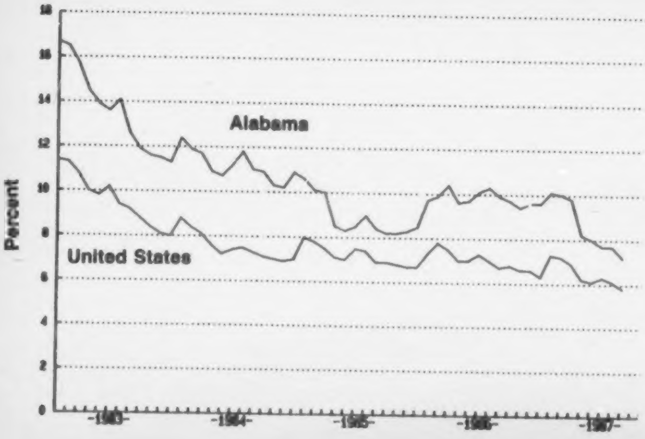

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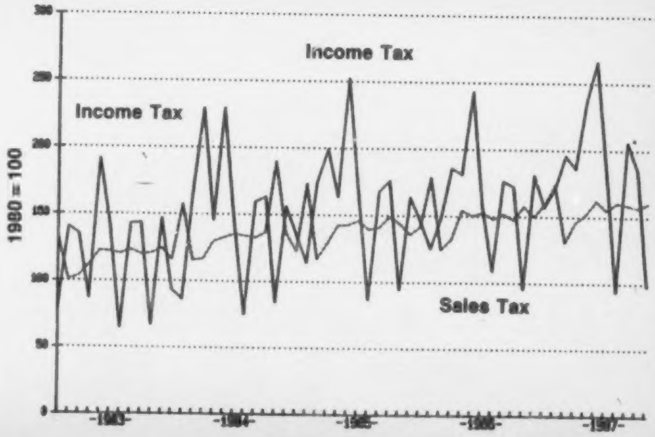

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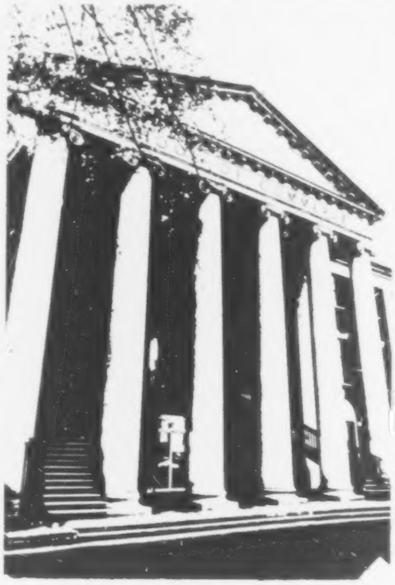

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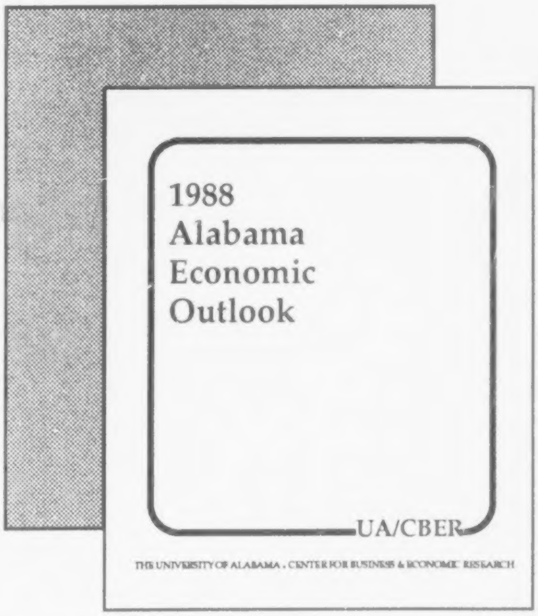

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ECONOMIC CENSUSES CHART GROWTH

From blacksmithing to robotics, from muskets to lasers, from an agrarian economy to one increasingly based on services, censuses have helped measure economic activities since the first census of manufactures was taken in 1810. As the nation's economy has grown more diverse and complex, the scope of what are now called the economic censuses has been expanded to include canvasses of retail and wholesale trade, service and construction industries, mining, and transportation, as well as manufactures.

The importance of the economic censuses extends into many areas:

- Businesses use the data to locate potential markets and to analyze production and sales performance.
- Trade associations use the information to study trends in their own and competing industries, and to keep their members informed of market changes.
- Government uses the economic censuses to provide a framework for the gross national product and other current measures of economic activity, and to assess economic capacity and activity in the international marketplace.
- Researchers find in the censuses details about the economy not available from any other source.

Census History

Early in the 19th century, Congress responded to a rapid increase in industrial activity by passing legislation ordering the census takers--in those days federal marshals--to "take an account of the several manufacturing establishments and manufactures within their several districts, territories and divisions" as part of the Third Decennial Census of Population in 1810. They did so as they traveled from house to house counting the population, asking questions on 25 broad categories of manufactured products and more than 200 kinds of goods. The report on manufactures, published in 1813, stated that total manufactures were valued at about $173 million. (That compares with nearly two trillion dollars worth of manufacturers' shipments in 1982!)

In the fourth decennial census in 1820, when manufacturing data again were collected, about 12 percent of the nation's labor force was classified as working in "manufacturing and mechanical arts." Agriculture, however, still predominated. Manufacturing data were not collected in 1830, but the 1840 census was expanded to include a special questionnaire, "Schedule of Mines, Agriculture, Commerce, Manufacturing, etc."

Enumerators in the 1850 census for the first time were supplied with written instructions on how each question was to be answered. In addition, although federal marshals still supervised the field operations, they were relieved of the responsibility of compiling and assembling the statistics for their respective jurisdictions. This was done in a "central office" in Washington, D.C.

No major changes were made in the content or procedures for 1860 and 1870, but for the 1880 and 1890 censuses, Congress authorized a number of changes. Many additional sets of questions, tailored to various specialized industries and businesses, were included. The scope of the censuses was expanded. Census supervisors and "experts" were hired to take the censuses instead of the marshals, and supervisors and enumerators were required to take an oath not to reveal any information collected in the censuses to anyone except authorized census officials.

At the beginning of the 20th century the United States found itself the world's leading industrial nation. Government decision makers, members of the academic community, business leaders, and others interested in economic affairs entered the new century faced with an urgent need for more data--and more current data--on the expanding and changing economy.

In March 1902 two important steps were taken to meet this need: Congress authorized the establishment of a permanent Census Bureau and directed that a census of manufactures be taken every five years. The 1905 census was a milestone in that it marked the first time a census of any kind was taken apart from the regular every-10-year population censuses. During the 1920s and 1930s, censuses of manufactures were taken every two years.

Data on certain nonmanufacturing businesses--retail stores, lumber yards, butcher shops, other business places--had been collected in the censuses as far back as 1840. But the first official census of business was taken in 1930, covering 1929. Initially it covered retail and wholesale trade, but was broadened in 1933 to include some of the service trades. The construction component of the early censuses of business subsequently was suspended for nearly 20 years before being reinstituted as the Census of Construction Industries in 1967.

During World War II, the periodic economic censuses were suspended in favor of war-oriented current surveys. They resumed with the 1947 Census of Manufactures and 1948 Census of Business.

The 1954 economic censuses were the first to be fully integrated. They provided comparable census data across economic sectors, using consistent time periods, concepts, definitions, classifications, and reporting units. These were the first censuses in which an electronic computer (UNIVAC I) was used for processing; it also marked the first major use of administrative records from other federal agencies for census purposes.

These records at first were used to provide lists of firms so that the censuses could be taken by mail instead of by interviewers covering particular geographic areas. For 1963, basic statistics were extracted from these administrative records for a sample of firms without paid employees, thus reducing or eliminating the need to send them census questionnaires. For 1967, the sample was extended to small employers as well.

The range of industries covered in the 1967 economic censuses was expanded significantly. Not only was the Census of Construction Industries resumed, but there also was an expansion of the scope of service industries enumerated--coverage of which was further broadened in 1977 and again for 1987.

The Census of Transportation began in 1963 as a set of surveys covering travel, transportation of commodities, and trucks. New for 1987 will be publications reporting on business establishments engaged in several sectors. This is part of a gradual expansion in coverage of industries previously subject to government regulation.

The first survey of minority-owned businesses covered 1969, and a parallel program was begun for women-owned businesses for 1977. For 1982, a survey of business ownership for the first time allowed a comparison of the characteristics of minority and women business owners with characteristics of nonminority male business owners.

Agriculture, one of the nation's major economic activities, was covered in conjunction with censuses of population from 1840 to 1920. Since then a farm census has been taken every five years. Although it is not technically classified as an economic census, since 1982 the Census of Agriculture has been taken concurrently with the economic censuses.

The 1987 Censuses

The 1987 economic censuses consist of the following:

- Census of Retail Trade
- Census of Wholesale Trade
- Census of Service Industries
- Census of Transportation
- Census of Manufactures
- Census of Mineral Industries
- Census of Construction Industries

and the following special programs:

- Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises
- Survey of Women-Owned Businesses.
- Enterprise Statistics
- Economic Censuses in Puerto Rico and Other U.S. Possessions.

A major expansion of the economic censuses is scheduled for 1992, when they are slated to include coverage of finance, insurance, real estate, communications, utilities, and remaining transportation industries--a group accounting for more than 20 percent of our gross national product. At that point the economic censuses and the censuses of agriculture and governments will cover virtually the entire economy except for schools and colleges; labor, political, and religious organizations; and employment by private households.

Responses to the economic censuses have been treated as confidential since the 19th century. Legislation authorizing the 1910 decennial census went even further by requiring that the statistics be published so that no particular establishment or its operations could be identified.

In 1954, these provisions were incorporated into the statute (Title 13, U.S. Code) which specifies the frequency and scope of the economic censuses. The Code also prescribes penalties for any disclosure by the Bureau, or for a respondent's false reporting or willful refusal where response is mandatory. In 1962, the confidentiality rule for census questionnaires was extended by law (Title 13, section 9a) to include copies retained in respondents' files, to make these copies also immune from the legal process.

While the economic censuses can trace their automation to the use of tabulating typewriters in 1900, punchcard tabulating equipment in 1920, and electronic computers in 1954, the issuance of data in machine-readable media did not begin on a large scale until 1972. Since then, most of the same statistics found in printed reports have also been available on computer tape. New for 1987 will be the dissemination of data in forms accessible to microcomputer users--key statistics online via CENDATA and on flexible diskettes, and more comprehensive data on CD-ROM (compact discs with read-only memory).

Economic census questionnaires will be mailed to firms in businesses within the scope of the censuses in late December 1987. Most very small businesses--about 70 percent of the total--will not receive forms. The Census Bureau will use administrative records of other government agencies to get this information. For firms receiving the questionnaires, the forms are due back to the Bureau February 15, 1988.

More information about the history of the economic censuses is available in an article published in the Government Information Quarterly (Volume 4, Number 3), "U.S. Economic Censuses, 1810 to the Present" by Frederick G. Bohme. The author can be reached at (301) 763-7936.

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FOCUS ON JACKSON COUNTY

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Jackson County lies in the northeast corner of Alabama. It is bounded on the north by Tennessee, on the east by Georgia, on the south by De Kalb and Marshall counties, and on the west by Madison County. Its county seat and largest city is Scottsboro (population 13,930). The county as a whole had a 1980 population of 51,407, a 31.1 percent increase over 1970, making it one of the faster-growing counties in the state.

However, trying to deal with Jackson County as a whole is probably a mistake. Historically, the county has been divided, with each separate section having its own character. The most dominant natural feature of the county is the Tennessee River, which runs from northeast to southwest across the eastern half of the county. Around the river, but mostly on the north side, lies a fertile valley, the kind of land that gave birth to King Cotton. Here were the large cash-crop farms.

This valley divides the county into two sections of highlands. Saffold Berney in 1892 wrote that this county was marked by some of the wildest, most broken, and most scenic terrain to be found in North Alabama. In modern times, the scenic attractions of the county have been highlighted by the wonders of Russell Cave National Monument in northern Jackson County west of Bridgeport (population 2,820).

The heights north of the river are part of the original Jackson County, and early on attracted white settlers who were "crowded out" of places like North Carolina and Tennessee. These settlers worked small farms, raising crops for food. The heights south of the river were added later, after being yielded by the Cherokee in the 1835 Treaty of New Echota, the agreement which set the Cherokee on the westward journey that became known as the "Trail of Tears."

Jackson County is full of history. For many years the area was held jointly by the Creek and Cherokee Indians, and used by both as a hunting ground. The Cherokee won exclusive control in 1755. In 1782, already moving westward from their traditional homes in the face of white expansion, the Cherokee founded the "Five Lower Towns of the Tennessee." Two of these were located in present-day Jackson County--Long Island Town, just below the modern Tennessee state line, and Crow Town, on the river farther south.

Cherokee culture in this area underwent an amazing transformation in the years prior to removal. Adopting the practices of their white neighbors, the Cherokee of the Tennessee River Valley established large plantations. In 1821, a Cherokee named Sequoyah invented an alphabet for the Cherokee language, and, according to John Robert Kennamer (1935), this invention was publicly introduced at a council meeting at the town of Sauta, near today's Larkinsville. The main reason for this rapid progress, however--the aggressive expansion of the new American nation--could not be checked.

Actually, according to Kennamer, the first attempt to establish a county government in the area was in 1785, when a party landed at Long Island Town and organized the government of "Houston County," Georgia. Driven off by the Indians after only two weeks, this group narrowly lost a bid for recognition in the Georgia legislature. The land north of the Tennessee River was ceded by the Cherokee, becoming part of the Alabama Territory in 1819. "Jackson County" was established on December 13 of that year, one day before the state of Alabama was admitted to the Union.

The county was named for General Andrew Jackson. In the years preceding statehood, Jackson led his men south from Tennessee on his way to fight the Creeks. After picking up a contingent of 500 to 600 Cherokees in the area, Jackson advanced south and broke the power of the Creeks, in a campaign that included the famous Battle of Horseshoe Bend. It was also Jackson who, as President of the United States (1829-37), engineered the final removal of the Cherokees to the West.

The county seat was established at Scottsboro at about the time of the Civil War. The Jackson County delegation voted against seccession, but sided with the majority when the prevailing sentiment became clear. The Union general, William Tecumseh Sherman, occupied the area in the winter of 1863-64 before marching through Georgia on his way to the Atlantic Ocean.

By the turn of the century, Jackson County had taken on much of its current character. A boom hit the town of Bridgeport in 1887, but was ended by the Panic of 1893-94. Since then, the county has never threatened to emulate the large-scale urban growth of Chattanooga, to the northeast, or Huntsville, to the west. In fact, Jackson County is today the only one of Alabama's "corner counties" (Jackson, Houston, Baldwin, Mobile and Lauderdale) that is not part of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Also, even in the 1890s, the black population of Jackson County was relatively low, only a fraction of that of neighboring Madison County. In 1980, moreover, only 4.1 percent of the county population was black, a proportion far below the state average of 25.6 percent. In the 1930s, though, the county was the scene of the "Scottsboro Case," which drew national attention to the judicial treatment of blacks in the Deep South, and which became prominent in propaganda in those Depression years.

Today, Jackson County is much like other mostly-rural counties in the state. Per capita personal income in 1984 was $8,389, just 84.0 percent of the state average and 65.7 percent--about two-thirds--of the national average in that year.

Local employment consists predominantly of blue-collar manufacturing jobs. In 1980, the occupations of 52.9 percent of Jackson County's employed were accounted for by the categories "Precision Production, Craft, and Repair" and "Operators, Fabricators, and Laborers," as against a state average of 38.7 percent. A consequence of this is a local shortfall in the share of managerial and professional jobs.

In Jackson County most manufacturing jobs are in the nondurable sector, which includes the clothing and textile industries, where wages are traditionally low. In two years, from 1981 to 1983, the payroll from durable manufacturing in Jackson County was cut in half, as part of the general economic downturn which hit the state hard. Limitations in education may also be a problem.

In Jackson County, fewer than half (47.3 percent) of all persons age 25 and over have finished high school, and only 6.8 percent have four or more years of college, while the comparable figures for the state are 56.5 percent and 12.8 percent, respectively.

Yet Jackson County is blessed with many advantages over other rural counties. One is transportation. While improved highway mileage in the county is limited, the Tennessee River connects Jackson County to the world. Another advantage is the proximity to the urban centers of Chattanooga and Huntsville. The latter, especially, offers potential support for high-technology ventures in the county, as well as an established shipping center for electronics and computer software.

Jackson County also has an established city of some size (Scottsboro) which provides jobs, so that, unlike many rural counties, more than 80 percent of the county's residents are able to find work within their home county. Recently two of Scottsboro's industries expanded, creating 150 new jobs. Bridgeport recently added two new industries that will employ 115 people now and expect to employ more later. Berney in 1892 claimed that Jackson County had "climate and health equal to the best in the state." The county also has the scenic beauty and historical interest to attract tourists. □

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UA/CBER HONORED

UA's Center for Business and Economic Research (UA/CBER) took top honors at the national Association for University Business and Economic Research's (AUBER) annual meeting held in San Francisco in November.

UA/CBER's director, Dr. Carl E. Ferguson, Jr., was installed as the organization's president and the Center's *1987 Alabama Economic Outlook* received an Award for Excellence, one of two publication awards presented at the conference.

AUBER is the national professional association of university business and economic research organizations. Membership includes some 155 institutions throughout the United States and four foreign countries. UA was a charter member of the organization, founded in 1947.

In assuming the presidency, Ferguson followed in the footsteps of former UA/CBER directors Herman H. Chapman and Henry B. Moore. Chapman served as president in 1949 and Moore in 1956.

The *Outlook* is an annual forecast for the state's economy published each January. It is a product of UA/CBER's Alabama Econometric Model and is partially supported by a contract with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs through an Economic Development Administration Planning Grant.

The authors of the *Outlook* are Ferguson, Deborah Hamilton, UA/CBER assistant director, and Ahmad Ijaz, UA/CBER research associate.

A program of UA's College of Commerce and Business Administration, UA/CBER has tracked Alabama's economy for more than 50 years, conducting research on the state's economic development, preparing economic forecasts and serving as a central depository of information and statistics on the economy of the state for business, industry, and government officials. □

NEWS BRIEFS

MOST OCCUPATIONAL CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY

Ten percent of all workers changed occupations between January 1986 and 1987, over half of them in hopes of better pay or working conditions. About one in eight of the workers switched occupations, however, because they lost their previous jobs.

These findings are from a special government survey. The survey also showed that more than one-fourth of all American workers have been with the same employer for 10 years or more. Among those age 45 years and over, more than half have been with their current employer for at least 10 years. ☐

OCCUPATIONAL MOBILITY

The proportion of workers who had changed occupations between January 1986 and January 1987--9.9 percent--was little changed from that found in a similar survey conducted in January 1983. Younger workers were the most mobile, as nearly one-fourth of those 16 to 24 years of age changed occupations during 1986. In contrast, among those workers 25 years and over, only 1 in 13 switched occupations.

About 13 percent of the workers who had shifted occupations cited job loss as the reason. Nearly three-fourths of the job losers had been displaced due to plant closings or moves, abolishment of their positions or shifts, or slack work. Older workers were more likely than younger ones to cite involuntary rather than voluntary reasons for their work changes.

Relative to their previous jobs, about half of the occupationally mobile adults age 25 years and over had higher pay in their new occupations in January 1987, while 29 percent cited lower pay; 22 percent reported their earnings were about the same. Of the workers who had changed occupations after being displaced from their previous job, almost two-thirds experienced an earnings drop; a greater proportion of men than women had such a decrease.

About 30 percent of the men had been with their current employer for 10 years or more as of January 1987. For women, 21 percent had been with their employer for this long. Among workers 45 years and over, nearly 60 percent of the men and 45 percent of the women had been with their current employer for at least 10 years.

Overall, the median length of job tenure with the current employer was 4.2 years in January 1987. This was down slightly from 4.4 years in January 1983. The slight decline is probably a reflection of the rapid employment build-up in the intervening years, when many new workers entered the job market.

Men reported significantly longer periods of employment on a single job than did women. The median job tenure for men was 5.0 years, compared with 3.6 years for women. Tenure differences between men and women are slight at younger ages, but they become much more pronounced for workers nearing retirement. By ages 55 to 64 years, men had a median tenure of about 16 years, compared with 10 years for women.

For more information contact the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. ☐

PERSONAL INCOME UP IN THE SOUTHEAST

From the second quarter of 1982 through the second quarter of 1987 nonfarm personal income in the Southeast has risen dramatically. The second quarter of 1982 was the trough quarter of the 1981-82 recession. The second quarter of 1987 is the most recent quarter for which data are available.

New England, the Far West, and the Mideast are other areas of the country that have seen big gains in nonfarm personal income. The Rocky Mountain region, the Southwest, the Plains and the Great Lakes have been slower growing regions.

The Southeast has benefited from the strength in private service-type payrolls and from large increases in durables manufacturing payrolls as a result of the national defense build-up early in the expansion.

Private service-type industries consist of wholesale and retail trade, the finance-insurance-real estate group, the transportation-communication-public utilities group, and services.

Nonfarm personal income is total personal income less farm labor and proprietors' income. Because farm income is subject to erratic changes, it is often preferable to use nonfarm personal income rather than total personal income to track current economic developments in regions.

Alabama has enjoyed the economic expansion. Total personal income has increased and is forecasted to continue to increase, although not at the rate of some of the other Southeast states. Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia rank in the top six states in the nation in gains in personal income over the past five years. Alabama ranks twenty-second.

More information is available from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. ☐

A MATTER OF DEGREE

National figures show that people with college degrees had an average monthly income of $1,910 in 1984, nearly twice the $1,045 average for those with only high school diplomas, according to a report by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The report says that persons with professional degrees in the U.S. have the highest monthly income of all degree holders at $3,871. The U.S. monthly average for holders of other degrees is reported as $3,265 for Ph.D.s, $2,288 for master's degrees, $1,841 for bachelor's degrees, and $1,346 for associate degrees. (Income includes wages and salary as well as all other money income, i.e., pensions, paid benefits, interest, dividends, etc.)

The study, reporting data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation, shows that, nationwide, about 21 percent of the adult population has earned a degree beyond high school. Post-secondary degrees were held by 23 percent of men, 19 percent of women, 22 percent of whites, and 11 percent of blacks.

Other highlights from this report include:

- While 14 percent of all degrees held by men were in engineering, just 1.5 percent of women held degrees in this field.
- Business accounted for 23 percent of men's degrees and 15 percent of women's.
- Twenty-five percent of women's degrees were in education, compared with nine percent of men's.
- Average monthly income in the U.S. for those without a high school diploma was $693.
- The field of education accounted for 16 percent of all degrees and one-third of all master's degrees.
- Law and medicine/denistry accounted for some 60 percent of professional and doctorate degrees.

Copies of the report *What's It Worth: Educational Background and Economic Status: Spring 1984* Series P-70 No.11 are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. ☐

CEMENT/CLINKER IMPORTS

The Mobile Customs District handles a major portion of the cement imports that come into the United States. Of the 37 American customs districts which received hydraulic cement and clinker in 1986, the Mobile District ranked eighth.

Clinker is a first stage of cement production. It is shipped in marble-sized pellets which are further processed with gypsum to produce finished cement.

The Mobile Customs District was unusual among all the ports in that clinker accounted for 100 percent of its cement imports. The others did a significant volume in white and gray cement as well as clinker. Local industry in Mobile uses a large portion of the clinker arriving from other countries. The clinker coming into the Mobile Customs District came from four different countries. The are, in order of short tons imported: Greece-283,461; Mexico-245,318; Spain-231,544; and France-23,148. The total was 738,471 short tons of clinker imported in 1986. ☐

ALABAMA GROWS

Four Alabama cities make up the Census Bureau's list of the U.S. cities with 100,000 population or more. They are Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, and Huntsville, in that order. The Census Bureau has recently released a list of large cities and ranked them by size according to their 1986 population.

The population estimates were prepared using procedures that rely on measuring components of population change since 1984. They use statistics on birth and deaths by residence to estimate natural increase, federal income tax returns to estimate movement within the state and between states, and reported immigration statistics to estimate net immigration.

Population estimates for all incorporated cities in Alabama have been released and are available either from the Census Bureau or from the Alabama State Data Center at the Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Alabama. ☐

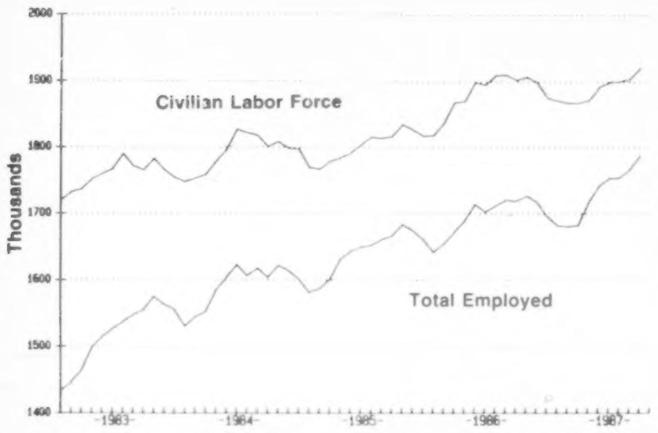
NATIONAL RANKING OF ALABAMA CITIES BY 1986 POPULATION

City	1986 Estimate	1980 Census	Rank 1986	Rank 1980
Birmingham	277,510	286,799	55	50
Mobile	230,260	200,452	75	71
Montgomery	194,290	177,857	77	77
Huntsville	163,420	142,513	97	112

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Special Tabulation.

ALABAMA BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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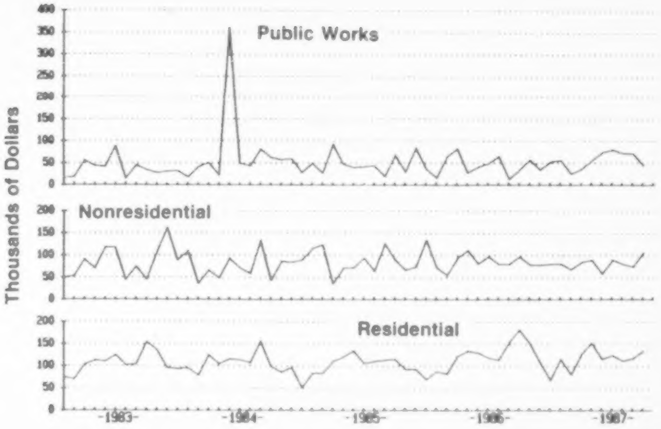

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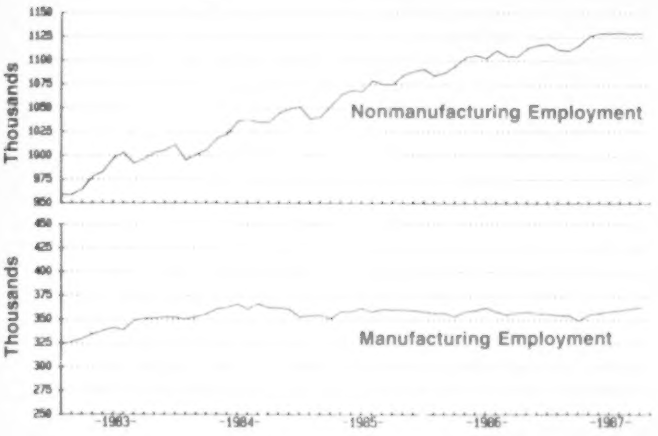

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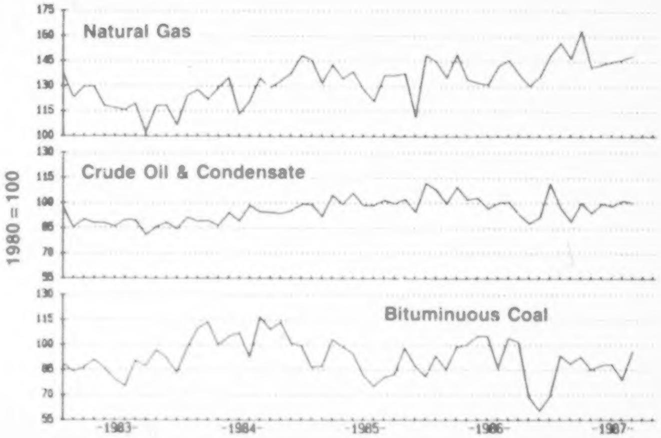

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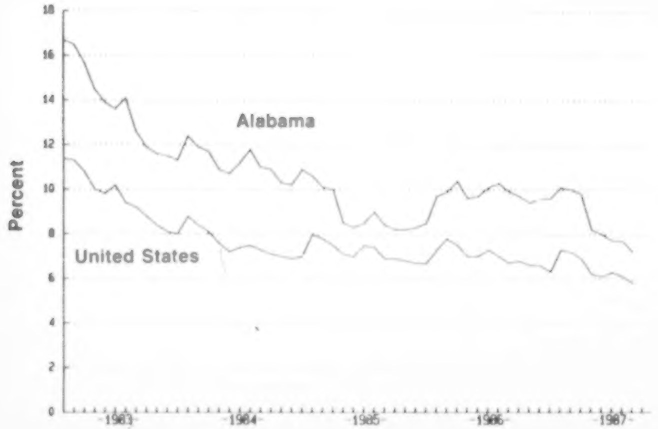

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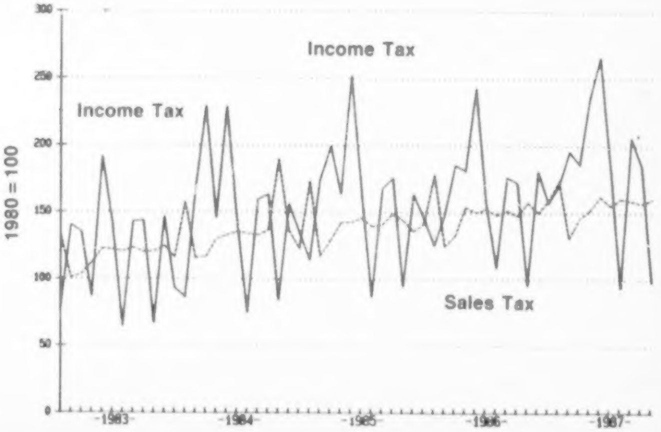

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986				1987								
	1985	1986	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	2,251	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	12,104	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	37,642	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,990
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,651	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,003	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	496	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	3,011,700	313,800	275,000	221,300	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700
Residential	1,240,900	1,465,300	172,400	140,200	109,000	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600
Nonresidential	1,062,900	1,007,900	107,300	77,600	78,000	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400
Public works and utilities	581,800	538,600	34,100	57,300	34,300	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	117	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	243,326	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,060	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037
Franchise	69,838	75,088	3,991	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	18,045	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	97,971	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	3,531	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,996	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	827	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807
Sales	730,389	775,708	63,358	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	0	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	4,191	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,082	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750
Use	79,253	84,390	727	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845
Utility	156,209	160,233	15,656	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[4] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	330.2	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8	342.7	344.4
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.5	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.2	.6	.5
Food	309.8	319.7	323.2	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6	333.8	334.9
Housing	349.9	360.2	363.7	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5	374.9	375.4
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	388.3	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1	391.1	389.8
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	212.1	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5	214.7	222.2
Transportation	319.9	307.5	302.2	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5	320.2	320.4
Medical care	403.1	433.5	439.7	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1	466.1	467.8
Energy	426.5	370.3	360.6	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4	388.9	387.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	297.5	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.1	308.5	310.2	310.5	310.4
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	308.7	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.3	320.2	322.6	323.8	323.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.303	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294	.293	.292	.290
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.336	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.326	.324	.322	.322	.322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[5]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,902.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5	1,904.2	1,920.1
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	183.6	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6	136.0	134.2
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,718.4	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9	1,766.2	1,785.9
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,461.8	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0	1,490.8	1,494.7
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	357.4	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1	362.0	364.2
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	170.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6	175.5	176.1
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.4	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5	29.4	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	23.4	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7	24.5	24.6
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	23.6	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9	23.5	23.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.3	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.3
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	22.1	22.4
Transportation	26.4	27.2	25.7	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.8
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	17.6	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.5
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	187.2	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5	186.5	188.1
Food	29.1	30.1	30.8	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0	31.3
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5	38.8	39.1
Apparel	53.6	53.7	55.0	53.9	52.4	32.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0	54.4	55.1
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.2	20.0
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.4
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.8
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	17.1	17.3
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,104.4	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9	1,128.8	1,130.5
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	76.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	76.3	78.0	78.5	77.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2	72.3	72.1
Trade	305.6	320.4	324.7	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6	330.4	331.2
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	77.4	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2	76.9	77.1
Retail	229.6	243.5	247.3	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4	253.5	254.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.7	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4	71.1	70.8
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	261.3	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0	269.1	270.0	270.6	272.0
Government	295.9	297.0	288.7	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9	294.5	295.7
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.4	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9	68.2	68.0
State and local	230.7	232.8	224.3	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0	226.3	227.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986				1987								
	1985	1966	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	21,515	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213		
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	7,657	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408		
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	24,819	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003		
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	13,789	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366		
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086	15,694	15,970	16,220	16,160	15,800	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160	16,190	16,040	16,050	16,130
	8.7	7.9	8.1	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.6
Baldwin	37,063	38,264	38,170	38,230	38,520	38,640	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280	38,340	38,320	38,240	38,730
	7.9	8.9	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.0	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.9
Barbour	11,368	11,903	12,370	12,200	12,130	11,860	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920	12,050	11,820	11,850	12,040
	10.6	9.5	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9	8.6	7.7	7.2	7.6
Bibb	6,965	7,273	7,320	7,400	7,310	7,260	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220	7,280	7,370	7,360	7,380
	12.3	13.3	11.4	11.5	14.0	16.0	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9	9.2	10.2	9.4	10.7
Blount	15,743	16,682	16,740	16,730	16,830	16,780	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040	17,110	16,890	17,020	17,120
	7.6	9.0	8.6	8.3	9.0	9.4	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3	7.5	6.3	6.6	6.4
Bullock	3,716	3,971	4,060	4,180	4,080	3,950	3,840	3,770	3,750	3,800	3,870	3,960	4,020	4,070	4,070
	16.0	17.3	15.9	15.5	17.2	18.7	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7	14.2	15.9	15.2	12.9
Butler	9,057	9,382	9,420	9,510	9,540	9,500	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640	9,810	9,780	9,730	9,780
	12.4	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2	10.4	12.2	11.8	10.6
Calhoun	49,921	51,892	52,420	52,410	52,260	51,890	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770	52,280	52,550	52,840	52,980
	9.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.5	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.7
Chambers	16,870	17,241	17,260	17,140	17,110	17,040	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360	17,690	17,870	18,070	18,350
	8.9	8.6	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.2
Cherokee	7,872	7,768	7,850	7,870	7,800	7,590	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140	8,240	8,130	8,160	8,330
	15.1	13.5	10.2	10.9	11.5	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0	8.5	7.2	6.2	6.1
Chilton	15,008	15,723	15,800	16,190	15,940	15,560	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780	15,810	15,800	15,830	16,090
	10.4	10.6	10.0	11.4	12.7	13.0	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.3	7.7
Choctaw	6,618	7,481	7,180	7,390	7,350	7,070	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860	6,920	6,970	7,070	7,000
	13.8	14.9	13.5	13.1	15.4	14.6	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.6
Clarke	11,033	11,363	11,360	11,590	11,570	11,570	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390	11,380	11,490	11,440	11,550
	10.0	11.4	9.9	10.3	10.5	12.0	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.0
Clay	6,356	6,358	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,110	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150	6,030	6,160	6,160	6,240
	11.0	15.0	12.9	12.3	9.7	8.5	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.2	6.3
Cleburne	5,750	5,719	5,930	5,800	5,640	5,680	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400	5,260	5,290	5,250	5,330
	9.2	8.8	15.2	8.3	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.7	6.6	5.9
Coffee	17,103	17,625	18,040	18,250	17,910	17,260	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610	17,470	17,470	17,750	18,070
	7.2	8.8	9.2	10.2	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8
Colbert	24,147	24,628	24,860	24,730	24,540	24,500	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200	24,010	23,970	24,040	24,290
	13.4	13.9	14.3	13.0	13.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.8
Conecuh	6,309	6,458	6,290	6,400	6,440	6,380	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200	6,010	5,970	5,880	5,890
	10.9	16.0	15.4	17.3	17.9	19.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2	16.6	14.9	13.1	12.4
Coosa	1,591	4,760	4,790	4,830	4,830	4,680	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850	4,820	4,870	4,880	4,910
	7.6	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.1	6.3	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.0
Covington	17,005	17,224	17,490	17,620	17,710	17,310	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710	17,600	17,750	17,690	17,920
	9.8	10.7	10.5	10.0	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4
Crenshaw	6,071	6,187	6,430	6,480	6,370	6,180	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380	6,240	6,180	6,200	6,390
	8.8	9.0	7.5	7.7	8.7	9.5	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3	8.6	9.2	8.6	7.2
Cullman	30,434	31,390	32,030	32,490	31,900	31,160	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730	31,460	31,430	31,660	32,110
	9.7	9.4	8.9	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.0
Dale	15,873	16,753	17,070	17,290	17,010	16,730	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990	16,980	17,210	17,380	17,670
	9.2	10.1	10.1	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.5
Dallas	22,255	23,022	22,840	22,830	22,500	22,220	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240	22,230	22,230	22,000	22,090
	14.6	15.9	15.2	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3	16.2	15.9	15.1	14.6
DeKalb	27,295	28,748	29,510	29,400	29,060	28,390	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110	29,070	29,350	29,530	29,670
	10.5	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.5
Elmore	20,131	21,013	21,180	21,310	21,420	21,090	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360	21,590	21,560	21,590	21,650
	7.4	6.9	6.2	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.8
Escambia	16,662	17,061	17,110	17,040	16,930	16,750	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300	16,480	16,570	16,640	16,590
	10.0	11.5	10.1	10.4	11.1	12.7	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4	10.1	9.4	9.4	8.8
Etowah	42,011	43,954	43,840	43,700	43,750	43,350	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760	42,720	43,030	43,150	43,250
	10.4	13.0	11.5	11.0	11.5	11.8	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.8
Fayette	8,183	8,028	8,070	8,060	8,030	7,910	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830	7,700	7,620	7,710	7,840
	14.3	13.8	13.8	13.2	12.5	13.0	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1
Franklin	14,928	15,310	15,120	15,210	15,180	14,880	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250	15,340	15,280	15,160	15,280
	13.8	13.6	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.1	14.6	13.9	13.2	10.7	10.1	9.4	8.9	7.3	7.6
Geneva	10,747	11,047	11,400	11,590	11,040	10,650	10,460	10,370	10,510	10,650	10,880	10,950	10,850	10,870	11,090
	9.5	8.5	8.2	8.5	7.3	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.1
Greene	3,801	3,733	3,830	3,890	3,820	3,760	3,760	3,760	3,900	3,720	3,760	3,770	3,790	3,830	3,850
	17.7	15.9	15.1	15.4	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.0	19.7	13.9	13.3	18.0	17.6	17.6	16.6
Hale	5,783	5,986	6,230	6,290	6,230	6,060	6,070	6,050	6,140	6,190	6,280	6,280	6,110	6,210	6,410
	11.5	10.7	9.8	9.4	11.1	11.2	11.4	9.8	10.1	8.4	7.7	9.8	7.9	6.8	7.8
Henry	6,683	6,631	6,840	6,830	6,650	6,410	6,370	6,350	6,410	6,710	6,900	6,720	6,670	6,780	7,050
	10.6	9.7	9.1	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.4
Houston	37,718	39,734	40,320	40,890	40,530	40,050	39,400	39,520	39,560	39,960	40,410	40,460	40,630	40,940	41,670
	7.6	8.3	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.2
Jackson	20,381	20,968	21,050	21,150	21,370	20,710	20,730	20,720	20,600	20,660	20,890	20,800	20,560	20,790	21,050
	12.4	14.7	13.1	12.1	16.4	12.0	13.1	12.6	10.9	9.3	9.2	10.3	9.8	9.4	8.8
Jefferson	318,469	335,634	341,530	340,740	339,950	337,320	335,860	336,480	335,270	338,280	340,460	344,870	345,930	345,860	348,310
	6.8	7.7	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.5	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.1
Lamar	8,807	8,856	9,000	8,790	8,900	8,810	8,920	8,950	8,900	8,830	8,970	9,030	9,050	8,980	8,870
	8.1	8.9	10.5	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.6	6.7	7.6	6.4	6.0
Lauderdale	36,244	37,027	37,100	37,330	36,820	36,290	36,080	36,120	36,030	35,760	36,270	36,470	36,550	36,590	36,840
	10.9	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.6	11.5	11.1	10.3	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.5	7.8	7.1
Lawrence	12,615	12,632	12,720	12,910	12,620	12,150	12,040	12,070	12,170	12,100	12,380	12,210	12,120	12,060	12,220
	12.8	14.6	12.9	13.6	14.1	14.9	15.9	15.9	16.1	13.6	13.5	12.7	13.3	11.5	10.5

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986				1987								
	1985	1986	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Lee	37,526	38,124	37,790	38,070	38,260	37,430	37,040	37,050	36,830	37,000	37,540	36,740	36,650	36,680	36,990
	6.9	7.7	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.3	4.6
Limestone	26,997	29,806	30,460	30,570	30,330	29,730	29,720	29,230	29,200	29,370	29,870	29,280	29,370	29,670	30,430
	7.2	8.9	7.5	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.4	7.6	5.9	5.6
Lowndes	4,686	4,525	4,670	4,720	4,750	4,580	4,350	4,390	4,430	4,560	4,800	4,620	4,660	4,750	4,970
	14.5	15.8	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.0	17.9	17.5	16.7	16.6	23.6	24.7	23.7	22.3	21.0
Macon	10,416	10,693	10,760	10,910	10,710	10,650	10,480	10,430	10,430	10,480	10,700	10,790	10,930	10,930	10,900
	8.3	9.0	8.1	9.2	8.4	8.5	7.7	6.8	6.6	5.7	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.4	7.1
Madison	117,702	126,253	128,380	128,630	128,660	127,930	126,610	126,190	126,360	126,870	128,380	129,660	130,410	130,410	131,670
	6.0	7.2	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.6	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.6
Marengo	9,828	10,045	10,070	10,140	10,020	9,970	9,800	9,730	10,080	9,800	9,940	9,840	9,780	9,830	9,950
	10.3	11.1	9.5	9.6	10.2	10.7	10.4	9.5	16.1	8.7	8.4	7.6	7.4	7.0	6.9
Marion	15,258	16,083	16,110	16,150	15,960	15,610	15,620	15,380	15,400	15,230	15,400	15,530	15,600	15,670	15,560
	13.9	14.3	14.9	14.1	15.2	15.3	16.9	15.7	17.1	10.9	10.1	9.8	10.8	9.2	7.9
Marshall	35,583	37,011	37,380	37,000	37,020	36,420	36,300	36,380	36,270	36,320	37,080	37,140	37,420	37,300	37,600
	8.7	11.8	10.5	10.3	11.1	10.4	10.7	10.8	10.2	8.5	8.1	7.8	7.4	6.8	6.5
Mobile	166,284	172,880	173,910	173,620	173,350	171,770	171,770	171,420	169,800	171,920	173,400	175,080	175,160	174,170	175,580
	9.5	11.1	11.2	10.8	10.6	10.7	11.5	11.5	10.3	10.0	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5
Monroe	9,142	9,649	9,720	9,750	9,810	9,650	9,740	9,780	10,070	9,520	9,640	9,700	9,530	9,700	9,780
	13.5	13.3	9.2	10.2	12.6	15.1	14.3	14.5	28.1	10.8	11.7	11.2	9.0	9.3	8.2
Montgomery	92,439	97,695	99,020	99,750	99,480	97,830	97,510	97,280	96,980	97,670	99,450	100,300	100,220	100,350	100,270
	7.0	7.6	7.5	7.8	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.6	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.2
Morgan	43,439	45,825	46,010	46,260	45,920	45,670	45,390	45,360	45,840	45,700	46,640	46,680	47,360	47,160	46,950
	8.1	10.0	9.7	9.9	9.6	9.7	10.1	10.1	11.1	8.9	9.9	8.1	8.7	8.0	7.2
Perry	5,283	5,444	5,520	5,630	5,620	5,500	5,480	5,430	5,450	5,460	5,710	5,590	5,500	5,550	5,570
	12.9	12.9	10.9	10.4	15.4	20.3	19.0	12.5	12.7	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.2	10.1	13.3
Pickens	7,008	7,558	7,870	8,050	7,750	7,520	7,470	7,390	7,280	7,240	7,450	7,380	7,350	7,440	7,590
	15.3	14.7	13.6	15.0	15.1	15.5	15.6	15.0	15.1	11.6	11.6	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.0
Pike	11,773	12,612	12,980	13,190	13,030	12,210	12,630	12,650	12,650	12,640	12,880	12,870	12,530	12,540	13,070
	7.9	8.6	7.5	8.4	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.5
Randolph	8,875	9,424	9,450	9,520	9,600	9,430	9,440	9,410	9,470	9,390	9,420	9,320	9,100	9,340	9,450
	9.6	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.3	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	8.3	7.2	6.6
Russell	22,271	22,641	22,790	22,900	22,810	22,700	22,680	22,430	22,440	22,520	22,590	22,790	22,500	22,720	22,780
	9.8	9.6	8.8	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.7	8.9	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.0	6.6	6.6	5.2
St. Clair	19,778	20,610	20,710	20,700	20,620	20,610	20,440	20,380	20,590	20,630	20,870	20,950	20,820	20,850	20,980
	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	6.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9
Shelby	35,602	37,153	37,320	38,170	37,440	37,340	37,010	37,010	37,080	37,250	37,810	38,330	38,110	38,040	38,320
	6.8	6.8	6.5	8.3	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.5	5.4	5.6	5.9	5.2	4.7	4.5
Sumter	6,143	6,243	6,230	6,260	6,160	5,800	5,830	5,810	5,810	5,710	5,740	5,660	5,730	5,760	5,890
	13.8	21.0	18.3	17.9	17.8	17.2	16.3	15.5	16.1	13.1	11.6	14.2	14.1	13.6	10.7
Talladega	31,462	32,143	32,660	32,590	32,350	32,170	32,110	32,160	32,290	32,040	32,330	32,710	32,590	32,490	32,580
	13.2	12.4	13.1	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.5	12.2	12.4	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.1	8.7	8.2
Tallapoosa	18,028	19,101	19,430	19,360	19,350	19,110	19,060	19,010	19,130	19,190	19,520	19,930	19,650	19,690	19,750
	8.4	8.0	7.7	7.5	6.9	6.5	7.5	7.1	7.8	6.8	7.6	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.8
Tuscaloosa	64,304	68,450	70,000	70,000	69,930	69,250	69,180	69,180	69,190	69,800	70,010	69,020	69,050	70,360	71,430
	6.8	7.7	7.6	7.1	7.3	.5	7.6	7.5	7.4	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.4
Walker	28,188	30,633	29,750	29,350	29,730	29,760	30,000	29,860	30,020	30,050	30,220	30,380	29,960	30,020	30,250
	11.6	15.2	12.0	10.6	11.9	12.5	14.1	13.7	13.4	12.0	11.5	10.8	9.6	9.4	9.3
Washington	5,826	5,594	5,570	5,580	5,570	5,530	5,490	5,430	5,650	5,160	5,200	5,130	5,080	5,070	5,250
	15.1	19.4	17.8	16.9	17.6	20.3	20.6	19.5	23.2	15.2	14.2	13.9	12.8	12.0	11.2
Wilcox	4,341	4,402	4,430	4,500	4,470	4,330	4,300	4,280	4,270	4,340	4,440	4,370	4,320	4,330	4,420
	15.7	16.8	15.7	15.3	15.9	14.7	14.8	14.4	13.5	13.8	14.3	13.6	14.0	14.8	13.5
Winston	10,344	10,288	10,220	10,130	10,230	9,990	10,080	9,910	9,830	9,710	9,810	9,870	9,890	10,040	9,990
	17.5	21.1	17.0	16.4	20.0	20.0	22.9	22.8	20.5	14.9	13.2	12.6	11.9	11.1	10.2
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	774,985	707,055	57,283	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	54,600	41,489	55,801	51,975		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	13,402	14,193	916	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	1,068	631	409	1,093	686		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	602,554	765,872	45,337	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	75,064	41,489	65,837	56,402		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	22,799	22,134	1,807	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	2,109	865	1,803	1,562		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] *(1,000 tons)*	38,242	38,701	3,307	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	25,020	26,789	2,608	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644
Gasoline sales[7] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,881,466	2,012,114	162,511	173,172	153,194	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551		
New passenger car registrations[8] *(number)*	153,540	159,481	19,150	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to January 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[6] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving though private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[7] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986			1987									
	1985	1986	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,466
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	[illegible]	40,152	42,990	
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,564	1,631	1,986	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	2,982,300	275,100	191,800	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,600
Residential	1,240,900	1,451,000	140,200	94,700	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500
Nonresidential	1,062,900	995,000	77,600	65,100	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400
Public works and utilities	581,800	536,200	57,300	31,900	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201
Franchise	69,838	75,088	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996
Sales	730,389	775,708	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805
Use	79,253	84,390	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[4] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8	342.7	344.4	345.3
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.2	.6	.5	.3
Food	309.8	319.7	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6	333.8	334.9	335.3
Housing	349.9	360.2	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5	374.9	375.4	375.2
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1	391.1	389.8	381.3
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5	214.7	222.2	226.3
Transportation	319.9	307.5	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5	320.2	320.4	321.9
Medical care	403.1	433.5	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1	466.1	467.8	469.8
Energy	426.5	370.3	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4	388.9	387.4	376.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.1	308.5	309.8	310.5	310.4	311.4
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.3	320.2	322.1	323.8	323.3	324.9
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.303	.302	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294	.293	.292	.290	.290
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.335	.335	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.326	.324	.323	.322	.322	.321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[5]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5	1,904.2	1,920.1	1,930.2
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6	138.0	134.2	134.3
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.0	7.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9	1,766.2	1,785.9	1,795.9
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0	1,490.8	1,494.7	1,503.3
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1	362.0	364.2	364.3
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6	175.5	176.1	176.2
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7	24.5	24.6	24.7
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.3	21.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	22.1	22.4	22.3
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.5
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.5	18.7
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	186.5	184.6	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5	186.5	188.1	188.1
Food	29.1	30.1	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0	31.3	31.4
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5	38.8	39.1	39.0
Apparel	53.6	53.7	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0	54.4	55.1	54.8
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.2	20.0	20.2
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.4	12.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.8	10.7
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	17.1	17.3	17.4
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9	1,128.8	1,130.5	1,139.0
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.7
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3	78.3	78.5	77.1	78.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2	72.3	72.1	71.8
Trade	305.6	320.4	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6	330.4	331.2	333.2
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2	76.9	77.1	77.4
Retail	229.6	243.5	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4	253.5	254.1	255.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4	71.1	70.8	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.3	269.1	270.0	270.6	272.0	271.7
Government	295.9	297.0	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9	294.5	295.7	302.1
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9	68.2	68.0	68.6
State and local	230.7	232.8	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0	226.3	227.7	233.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986			1987									
	1985	1986	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086 8.7	15,694 7.9	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6	15,770 8.6	15,890 8.1	16,160 8.2	16,190 7.3	16,040 6.6	16,050 6.3	16,130 6.6	16,080 5.7
Baldwin	37,063 7.9	38,264 8.9	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5	39,520 12.6	37,990 7.7	38,090 7.2	38,340 6.6	38,320 6.5	38,240 6.5	38,730 6.9	38,600 7.2
Barbour	11,368 10.6	11,903 9.5	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4	11,850 9.4	11,830 9.0	11,920 7.9	12,050 8.6	11,820 7.7	11,850 7.2	12,040 7.6	12,180 7.2
Bibb	6,965 12.3	7,273 13.3	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,780 16.8	7,220 14.7	7,120 13.4	7,090 10.8	7,270 10.9	7,280 9.2	7,370 10.2	7,360 9.4	7,380 10.7	7,370 9.5
Blount	15,743 7.6	16,682 9.0	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,660 9.8	17,070 11.0	16,980 9.1	17,040 8.5	17,110 7.5	16,890 6.3	17,020 6.6	17,120 6.4	17,000 5.5
Bullock	3,716 16.0	3,971 17.3	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7	3,750 19.1	3,800 12.7	3,870 11.7	3,960 14.2	4,020 15.9	4,070 15.2	4,070 12.9	4,150 13.0
Butler	9,057 12.4	9,382 11.7	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0	9,650 13.5	9,430 9.3	9,640 10.2	9,810 10.4	9,780 12.2	9,730 11.8	9,780 10.6	9,830 9.2
Calhoun	49,921 9.0	51,892 9.6	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.7	51,780 11.2	51,420 8.7	51,770 8.0	52,290 7.7	52,550 7.3	52,840 7.0	52,980 6.7	53,410 6.7
Chambers	16,870 8.9	17,241 8.6	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.1	17,000 7.7	17,010 7.3	17,190 6.1	17,360 6.2	17,690 6.1	17,870 5.9	18,070 5.4	18,350 5.2	18,210 5.0
Cherokee	7,872 15.1	7,768 13.5	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,890 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 10.0	7,860 17.3	8,040 9.7	8,140 9.0	8,240 8.5	8,130 7.2	8,160 6.2	8,330 6.1	8,470 6.1
Chilton	15,308 10.4	15,720 10.6	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2	15,580 11.9	15,850 10.1	15,790 10.0	15,810 8.8	15,800 9.1	15,830 8.1	16,190 7.7	16,260 7.1
Choctaw	6,618 13.8	7,481 14.9	7,390 15.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1	7,060 18.1	6,800 10.5	6,860 9.3	6,920 8.7	6,970 7.9	7,070 7.9	7,000 7.6	7,070 8.0
Clarke	11,030 10.0	11,363 11.4	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8	11,480 17.8	11,290 10.1	11,300 9.7	11,380 9.5	11,490 9.3	11,440 9.6	11,550 10.0	11,830 11.7
Clay	6,356 11.0	6,898 15.0	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.0	6,130 10.9	6,260 20.8	6,120 9.4	6,100 9.3	6,030 9.1	6,160 8.5	6,160 7.2	6,240 6.3	6,550 5.9
Cleburne	5,790 9.2	5,719 8.8	5,600 8.3	5,640 6.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1	5,310 12.4	5,320 7.9	5,400 7.5	5,260 7.2	5,290 7.7	5,250 6.6	5,430 5.9	5,410 6.7
Coffee	17,103 7.2	17,625 8.8	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0	17,070 7.6	17,310 7.1	17,610 6.6	17,470 6.1	17,470 5.9	17,750 6.0	18,070 5.8	18,220 6.2
- Colbert	24,147 13.4	24,628 13.9	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6	23,940 12.7	23,800 10.8	24,200 10.8	24,010 9.8	23,970 9.6	24,040 9.2	24,290 8.8	24,400 8.6
Conecuh	6,309 10.9	6,458 16.0	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1	6,610 25.4	6,140 17.3	6,300 17.2	6,030 16.6	5,970 14.9	5,880 13.1	5,890 12.4	5,940 12.0
Coosa	4,591 7.6	4,760 8.0	4,500 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.1	4,860 7.1	4,810 6.7	4,750 7.0	4,780 5.4	4,850 5.9	4,820 5.6	4,870 5.3	4,880 5.2	4,410 5.0	4,960 4.6
Covington	17,005 9.8	17,224 10.7	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2	17,250 9.4	17,460 8.0	17,710 7.1	17,690 6.7	17,750 6.8	17,690 6.5	17,920 6.4	18,430 6.3
Crenshaw	6,071 8.8	6,187 9.0	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8	6,260 18.0	6,180 9.0	6,380 9.3	6,240 8.6	6,180 9.2	6,200 8.6	6,390 7.2	6,560 8.2
Cullman	30,454 9.7	31,390 9.4	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2	30,900 9.5	31,320 8.5	31,700 7.8	31,460 7.5	31,430 7.7	31,660 7.6	32,110 7.0	32,510 6.7
Dale	16,873 9.3	16,753 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 9.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1	16,730 9.2	16,800 8.1	16,990 7.5	16,980 7.4	17,210 7.9	17,380 7.7	17,670 7.8	17,920 7.8
Dallas	22,255 14.6	23,022 15.9	22,830 15.6	21,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7	21,590 13.9	22,120 16.6	22,240 16.3	22,030 16.2	22,240 15.9	22,000 15.1	22,090 14.6	21,910 13.7
DeKalb	27,295 10.5	28,748 10.0	29,400 9.1	29,080 9.6	28,390 9.8	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3	28,230 11.0	28,550 8.6	29,110 7.9	29,070 7.4	29,350 7.2	29,530 6.8	29,670 6.5	29,810 7.0
Elmore	20,131 7.4	21,013 6.9	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6	20,800 6.3	20,990 5.9	21,380 6.0	21,590 6.0	21,560 6.0	21,580 5.8	21,650 5.8	21,740 5.6
Escambia	16,662 10.0	17,061 11.5	17,040 10.4	16,900 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,170 13.8	16,590 13.7	16,900 17.2	16,290 11.2	16,300 10.4	16,480 10.1	16,570 9.4	16,640 9.4	16,590 8.8	16,510 9.2
Etowah	43,011 10.4	43,854 13.0	43,700 11.0	43,730 11.5	43,450 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1	42,880 13.0	42,300 10.2	42,760 9.8	41,720 9.1	43,030 8.8	43,160 8.0	43,250 7.8	43,110 7.6
Fayette	8,180 12.3	8,028 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,940 12.9	7,720 12.6	7,750 11.6	7,830 11.4	7,700 10.3	7,620 10.3	7,710 10.2	7,840 10.1	7,830 10.1
Franklin	14,928 13.8	15,310 13.6	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9	15,020 13.2	15,100 10.7	15,250 10.1	15,340 8.4	15,280 8.9	15,160 7.3	15,280 7.6	15,350 8.9
Geneva	10,747 9.5	11,047 8.5	11,330 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,461 8.4	10,370 8.4	10,510 8.2	10,650 7.2	10,880 6.1	10,900 6.0	10,850 5.4	10,870 5.3	11,080 5.1	11,290 5.6
Greene	3,801 17.7	3,710 15.9	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,780 17.3	3,760 17.0	3,900 19.7	3,720 13.9	3,700 13.3	3,770 18.0	3,790 17.6	3,800 17.6	3,850 16.6	3,840 15.7
Hale	5,783 11.5	5,996 10.7	6,290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8	6,140 10.1	6,190 8.4	6,280 7.7	6,280 9.8	6,110 7.9	6,210 6.8	6,410 7.6	6,400 7.0
Henry	6,681 10.8	6,631 9.7	6,800 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7	6,410 7.4	6,710 7.6	6,900 7.2	6,720 6.8	6,670 7.2	6,780 6.6	7,050 6.4	7,050 5.8
Houston	37,718 7.6	39,704 8.3	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5	39,560 7.1	39,960 6.3	40,410 6.0	40,460 5.9	40,630 5.6	40,940 5.2	41,670 5.2	41,910 4.6
Jackson	20,381 12.4	20,968 14.7	21,150 12.1	21,970 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6	20,600 10.9	20,660 9.3	20,890 9.2	20,690 10.3	20,560 9.8	20,790 9.4	21,050 8.8	21,660 8.7
Jefferson	318,469 6.8	335,634 7.7	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7	335,270 7.6	338,280 6.8	340,460 6.3	344,870 6.3	345,930 6.7	345,860 6.2	348,310 6.1	348,350 5.9
Lamar	8,807 9.1	8,856 8.9	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3	8,900 8.2	8,830 6.7	8,970 6.6	9,030 6.7	9,050 7.6	8,980 6.4	8,870 6.0	8,960 6.4
Lauderdale	36,244 10.9	37,027 11.6	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1	36,030 10.3	35,760 8.4	36,270 8.1	36,470 8.3	36,550 8.5	36,590 7.8	36,840 7.1	37,040 7.0
Lawrence	12,615 12.8	12,632 14.6	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5	12,210 12.7	12,120 13.3	12,060 11.5	12,220 10.5	12,320 10.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual 1985	Annual 1986	1986 Oct	1986 Nov	1986 Dec	1987 Jan	1987 Feb	1987 Mar	1987 Apr	1987 May	1987 June	1987 July	1987 Aug	1987 Sept	1987 Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Lee	37,826 6.9	38,124 7.7	38,070 7.2	38,260 6.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2	36,740 5.8	36,650 5.9	36,680 5.3	36,990 4.6	37,780 4.6
Limestone	26,997 7.2	29,806 8.9	30,570 8.0	30,330 7.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0	29,280 6.4	29,370 7.6	29,670 5.9	30,430 5.6	30,680 5.4
Lowndes	4,686 14.5	4,525 15.8	4,720 16.4	4,750 16.6	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,560 16.6	4,800 23.6	4,620 24.7	4,660 23.7	4,750 22.3	4,970 21.0	5,130 20.3
Macon	10,416 8.3	10,693 9.0	10,910 9.2	10,710 8.4	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6	10,790 7.0	10,930 7.7	10,930 7.4	10,900 7.1	10,880 6.9
Madison	117,702 6.0	126,253 7.2	128,630 7.5	128,660 7.3	127,930 7.3	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3	129,660 5.1	130,410 5.3	130,410 4.6	131,670 4.6	132,640 4.7
Marengo	9,828 10.3	10,045 11.1	10,140 9.6	10,020 10.2	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1	9,800 8.7	9,940 8.4	9,840 7.6	9,780 7.4	9,830 7.0	9,950 6.9	10,060 7.4
Marion	15,258 13.9	16,083 14.3	16,150 14.1	15,960 15.2	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1	15,230 10.9	15,400 10.1	15,530 9.8	15,600 10.8	15,670 9.2	15,560 7.9	15,710 7.9
Marshall	35,883 8.7	37,011 11.8	37,000 10.3	37,020 11.1	36,430 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,770 10.2	36,320 8.5	37,080 8.1	37,140 7.8	37,420 7.4	37,300 6.8	37,600 6.5	38,020 6.8
Mobile	166,294 9.5	172,880 11.1	173,620 10.8	172,350 10.6	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,900 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6	175,080 9.8	175,160 9.8	174,170 9.5	175,580 9.5	175,240 9.9
Monroe	9,142 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,760 10.2	9,810 12.6	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7	9,700 11.2	9,530 9.0	9,700 9.3	9,780 8.2	9,890 9.3
Montgomery	92,439 7.0	97,695 7.6	99,750 7.8	99,480 7.9	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.1	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9	100,300 6.6	100,220 6.7	100,350 6.5	100,270 6.2	101,040 6.3
Morgan	43,439 8.1	45,625 10.0	46,260 9.9	45,920 9.6	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1	45,700 8.9	46,640 9.9	46,680 8.1	47,360 8.7	47,100 8.0	46,950 7.2	47,160 7.3
Perry	5,783 12.9	5,444 12.9	5,630 19.4	5,620 15.4	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7	5,460 9.7	5,710 10.4	5,590 9.9	5,500 10.2	5,550 10.1	5,570 13.3	5,660 9.8
Pickens	7,808 15.3	7,558 14.7	8,090 15.0	7,750 15.1	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1	7,240 11.6	7,450 15.6	7,080 11.1	7,350 10.5	7,440 10.6	7,590 9.0	7,670 8.7
Pike	11,772 7.8	12,612 8.6	13,190 8.4	12,930 8.4	12,310 9.1	12,690 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3	12,640 7.0	12,880 7.0	12,870 7.1	12,530 7.1	12,540 7.1	13,070 6.5	13,230 6.2
Randolph	8,875 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,520 9.4	9,600 8.3	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8	9,390 6.1	9,420 6.1	9,320 6.6	9,100 8.3	9,340 7.2	9,450 6.6	9,730 5.8
Russell	22,271 9.8	22,641 9.8	22,900 9.9	22,810 9.4	22,700 9.3	22,680 8.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3	22,520 8.1	22,590 7.5	22,790 7.0	22,500 6.6	22,720 6.6	22,780 6.2	22,780 5.9
St. Clair	19,776 8.4	20,610 8.4	20,790 7.8	20,620 7.6	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.7	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2	20,630 6.6	20,670 6.8	20,950 5.7	20,820 5.4	20,850 5.1	20,980 4.9	21,080 5.2
Shelby	35,600 6.8	37,153 6.8	38,170 8.3	37,840 6.8	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5	37,250 5.4	37,810 5.6	38,330 5.9	38,110 5.2	38,040 4.7	38,320 4.5	38,350 4.4
Sumter	6,113 13.9	6,243 21.0	6,260 17.9	6,160 17.8	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1	5,710 13.1	5,740 11.6	5,880 14.2	5,730 14.1	5,760 13.6	5,890 10.7	6,040 11.4
Talladega	31,460 13.2	32,545 12.4	32,590 12.4	32,350 12.0	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4	32,040 10.4	32,330 9.7	32,710 9.6	32,590 9.1	32,490 8.7	32,580 8.2	32,810 8.3
Tallapoosa	18,928 8.4	19,101 8.0	19,360 7.1	19,350 6.9	19,110 6.1	19,060 7.6	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8	19,190 6.8	19,520 7.6	19,930 6.7	19,650 6.4	19,690 6.1	19,750 5.8	19,780 5.6
Tuscaloosa	64,304 6.9	68,450 7.7	70,020 7.1	69,930 7.3	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4	69,890 6.3	70,010 6.6	69,020 6.3	69,050 6.3	70,360 5.8	71,430 5.4	72,070 5.2
Walker	28,188 11.6	30,633 15.2	29,350 10.6	29,730 11.9	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4	30,050 12.0	30,220 11.5	30,380 10.8	29,960 9.6	30,020 9.4	30,250 9.3	30,280 9.2
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Wilcox	4,341 15.7	4,402 16.8	4,500 15.3	4,470 15.9	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4	4,270 13.5	4,340 13.8	4,440 14.3	4,370 13.6	4,320 14.0	4,330 14.8	4,420 13.5	4,450 12.3
Winston	10,344 17.5	10,288 21.1	10,130 16.4	10,290 20.0	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,800 20.5	9,710 14.9	9,810 13.2	9,870 12.6	9,890 11.9	10,040 11.1	9,990 10.2	10,170 10.6
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports:															
Value ($1,000)	774,985	707,055	65,322	60,114	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	54,600	41,489	55,801	51,975	79,428		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	13,402	14,193	961	1,061	1,040	893	427	1,068	631	409	1,093	686	980		
Exports:															
Value ($1,000)	802,564	765,872	70,123	115,624	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	75,064	41,489	65,837	56,402	58,246		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	22,799	22,134	1,541	1,851	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	2,109	865	1,803	1,562	1,480		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] (1,000 tons)	38,242	36,701	3,122	3,746	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314
Domestic:															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	26,026	26,759	2,307	1,808	2,112	2,438	2,070	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899
Gasoline sales[7] (1,000 gallons)	1,881,466	2,012,114	173,177	159,194	164,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105		
New passenger car registrations[8] (number)	153,540	159,481	11,691	10,048	12,133	8,950	10,243	11,477	12,523	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

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[5] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

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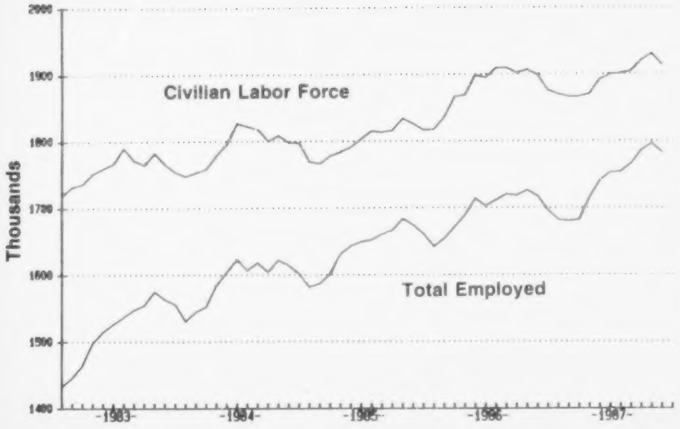

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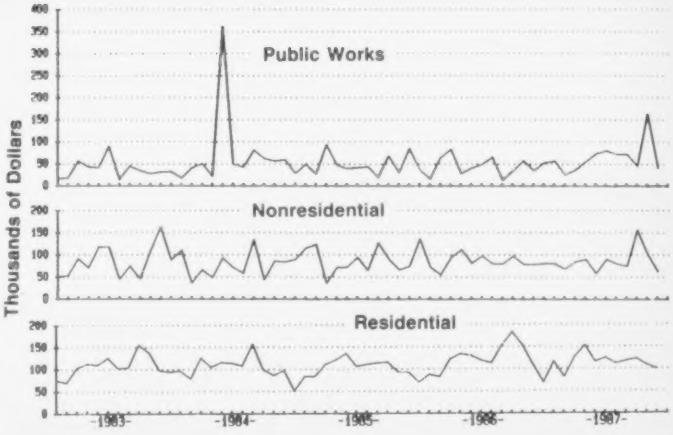

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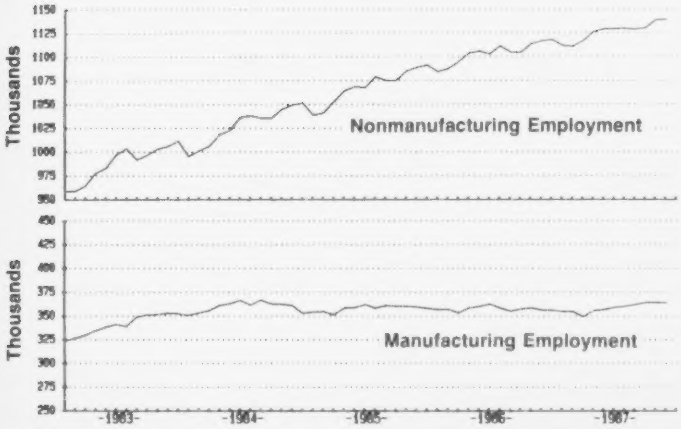

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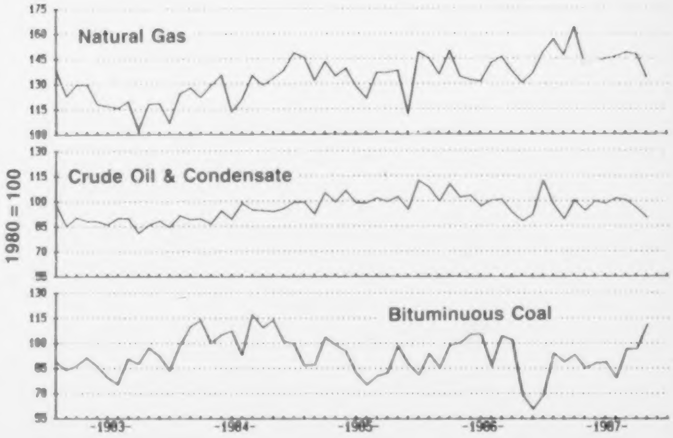

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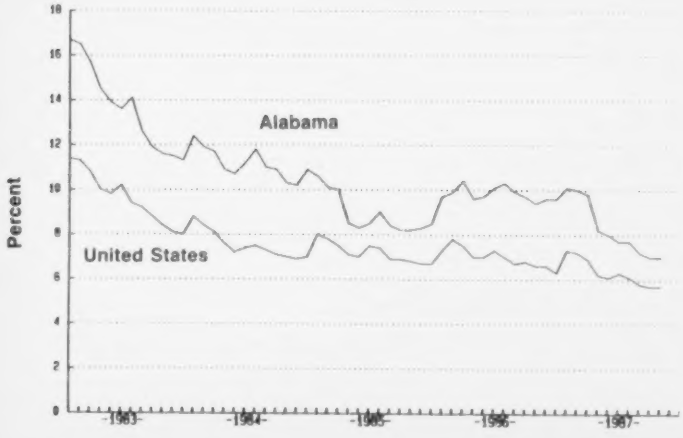

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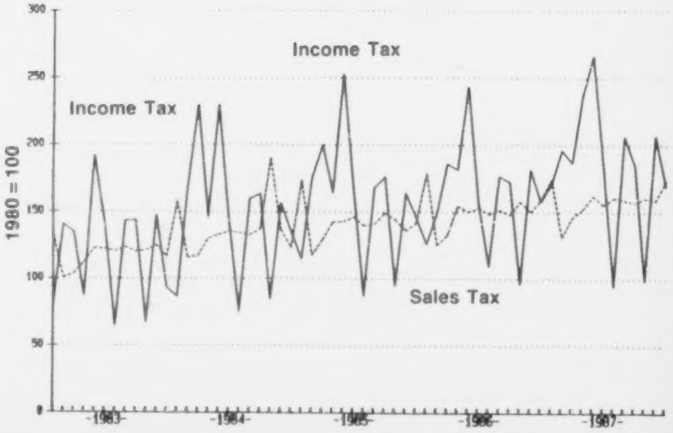

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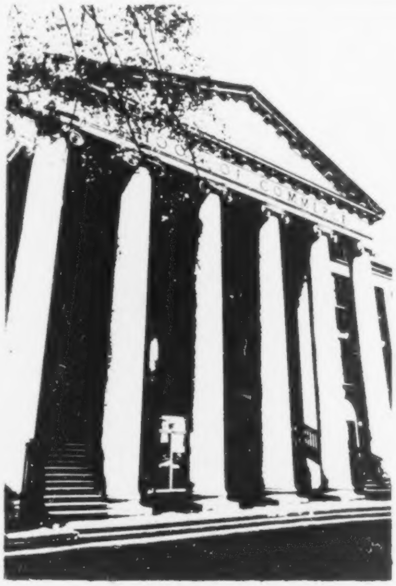

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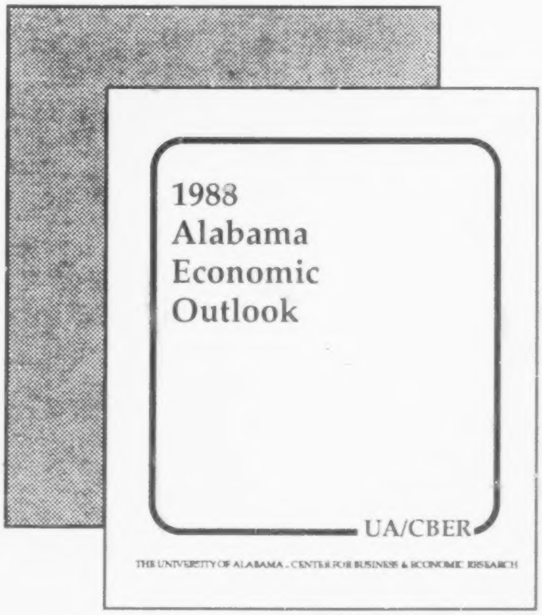
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A Partnership:

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Paavo Hanninen

One of the more significant developments of the past several years has been the increasing awareness by local, state, and national leaders of the crucial role which small business has played in their respective communities. Government and community leaders are particularly concerned with job creation and retention, an area in which small business has proved to be quite effective. However, along with the recognition of the importance of small business comes an understanding of the difficulties confronting a small business as it attempts to compete in the marketplace.

The difficulties can take several forms. These can include: a lack of management skills; the inability to approach a lender properly; too many government regulations; changing tax laws; or the erosion of a basic market due to a general decline in a local community.

Any of these situations can be extremely harmful to a small business because a small business, by definition, has a limited number of employees and they usually wear several different managerial hats. Therefore, because of a lack of time or training, or both, they may be unable to handle a specific situation.

In response to the increased importance of small business and its unique problems, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) concept was created at the national level as an efficient way to deliver management assistance directly to the small business community. At its most basic the assistance takes the form of one-on-one counseling, small business workshops, and information transfer.

The majority of Small Business Development Centers have been located within universities and colleges in order to leverage university-related resources. Libraries, computers, faculty, and students can all be channeled through the SBDC and brought to bear on a specific business problem. Additionally, universities have proved to be a good place in which to coordinate community, private, and university resources.

Consortium Members

Within the State of Alabama the SBDC system is a consortium of 10 universities. The 12 members of the Alabama Small Business Development Consortium (ASBDC) are University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, The University of North Alabama, The University of Alabama, Alabama A & M University, Jacksonville State University, Livingston University, Auburn University, Tuskegee University, Troy State University, Alabama State University, and The University of South Alabama.

Each member school is responsible for a particular geographic segment of the state. For example, The University of Alabama center has responsibility for an eight county area of West Central Alabama. One of the unique strengths of the SBDC concept is the recognition that each SBDC center can tailor its services and programs to the economic and social factors in its service area.

The SBDC program in the Huntsville area offers services specifically geared toward high technology growth and development. By contrast, the several SBDCs located in rural areas provide outreach services to smaller communities and emphasize quality programs and counseling in basic and traditional management subjects.

Procurement Network and Specialty Center

The tailoring of programs has also evolved at the state level. Specifically, the ASBDC has recently decided to target government procurement as an area of critical importance to Alabama small businesses. Although federal, state, and local agencies located in Alabama contract for billions of dollars of goods and services each year, only a small percentage of the total contract amount is awarded to Alabama firms.

The procurement assistance provides a bid notification network, limited bid package assistance, procurement workshops, and help to businesses working with various purchasing agents. These services are provided under an umbrella organization housed within the ASBDC titled the Alabama Small Business Procurement System (ASBPS). The ASBPS is funded by the Alabama State Legislature and its services are free to qualified businesses.

Two specialty centers, one for international assistance and one for high technology assistance, have also been established within the ASBDC. The William R. Bennett Alabama International Trade Center located at The University of Alabama has a statewide mission to assist and encourage small businesses in developing international markets for their products. The Alabama High Technology Assistance Center (AHTAC), which also has a statewide mission, provides counseling and support to firms whose products and/or ideas are of a technological nature. AHTAC is housed at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Counseling

During a typical year The University of Alabama SBDC may work with well over 300 new or ongoing businesses. The assistance given can range from loan package guidance for a business start-up to sales trend analysis for an existing business. Many SBDC cases involve only two to three hours of counseling, while others entail 30, 40, or 50 hours of counseling and research. However, the shorter cases can prove just as effective and productive as the longer ones.

For example, a small plumbing firm recently approached The University of Alabama SBDC because it had difficulty meeting its monthly obligations. The owner of the firm was confused by the situation because the business had doubled its sales over the past year. The SBDC spent no more than two or three hours counseling with the client to point out the key features of good cash management.

The value of setting business objectives, no matter how simple, was also stressed. Within two or three months, the firm had regained control of its payments and had a much better feeling about its future. The counseling, while certainly not lengthy, was adequate. It must be noted that the success of that particular case was due to the willingness of the client to work with the SBDC and implement its suggestions.

Workshops

Additionally, The University of Alabama SBDC develops and sponsors a wide range of workshops throughout its service area. Quite often the workshops are conducted in conjunction with local Chambers of Commerce. Recent workshop topics have included: Advertising; Obtaining Financing; Understanding Bankruptcy; Basic Bookkeeping; and Hiring/Firing of Employees. In general, the SBDC conducts 10 to 15 workshops per fiscal year.

The Chambers of Commerce also act as contact points for SBDC counseling within their communities. Many SBDC clients have made their initial contact either through attending a workshop at their Chamber of Commerce or by contacting local Chamber officials. Most of the SBDCs in Alabama have close relationships with their area Chambers of Commerce.

A newly formed arrangement with the Federal Bankruptcy Court and The University of Alabama SBDC offers something new in management assistance for small business. By agreement with the Federal Bankruptcy Judge in Tuscaloosa, selected Chapter 11 and 13 cases are being forwarded to the SBDC for assistance. The judge makes an assessment early in the bankruptcy process as to which cases would most likely benefit from counseling and then makes the necessary arrangements with the SBDC.

The judge would like to improve the chances that a business will recover from a bankruptcy position and views the SBDC program as a cost effective way to help those firms selected. This particular referral program is quite new and therefore is difficult to assess at this point. But, the bankruptcy court and the SBDC both feel it is an idea well worth pursuing.

The University of Alabama SBDC also works with a large number of clients in the area of procurement. Bid information is forwarded to them and problems and questions concerning the procurement process are dealt with as they arise. To date, well over 50 separate contracts totaling over $5.5 million have been awarded to The University of Alabama SBDC clients from bid information they have received via the ASBPS.

Finally, the SBDC handles a large number of one-time requests for information on assorted other topics. Business licenses, tax requirements, loan guidelines, and industry-specific questions are all asked on a daily basis. It is for those requests that the University's databases and faculty expertise come into play.

Eligibility

Who is eligible for SBDC assistance? The United States Small Business Administration defines a small business, generally, as any business with less than 500 employees. Obviously, that would include the vast majority of current Alabama firms. If you are operating a business and you have a question and/or a problem, or if you know of someone else who may need help, please contact your nearest SBDC member or Chamber of Commerce.

While the specific programs and services of an SBDC may vary from center to center, the underlying goals and objectives of each center are identical. Those goals are to assist, encourage, and develop small business growth in Alabama through a partnership of community, educational, and private sector resources. ☐

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ALABAMA AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX

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Taxpayers filing Alabama and federal tax returns have to make two separate tax calculations. The costs of making two calculations are both hidden and unnecessary. This system is not a result of deliberate policy action -- it just happened.

Many states, including Virginia and Louisiana, have found that completing the state income tax return is relatively easy, since the taxpayer simply starts with a number calculated on the federal return and makes a couple of simple adjustments to get the state taxable income number. This degree of state tax conformity is known as "piggybacking."

Conformity Methods and Types

There are two types of tax conformity: "administrative" and "statutory." In some sense, administrative conformity is the ultimate conformity because it requires statutory conformity. Administrative conformity means that the federal government would collect, remit, perform record keeping, and audit a state's income taxes.

Such services of the U.S. Treasury are provided in Sections 6361-6365 of the *Internal Revenue Code*. Since 1971 these services have been offered to states without charge, and thus, could save states millions of dollars. But tax laws of the state must conform to a high degree to the federal laws such that either federal taxable income or federal tax is the basis of the state income tax.

Despite the fact that several states meet the requirements of a high degree of statutory conformity with the federal income tax, no state has yet elected to use the federal collection system for its state income tax. However, the states with a high degree of statutory conformity have found it beneficial to use the federal tax rules to calculate state income taxes.

There are two methods of achieving statutory conformity: "fixed date" and "prospective date." For fixed date conformity, a state adopts the *Internal Revenue Code* provisions as the federal law stands on a particular date. Alabama has already done this for some of the tax law provisions.

The major disadvantage of fixed date conformity is that a subsequent federal change is not incorporated into the state tax law unless the state legislature acts. As a practical matter, several of the fixed date states have been slow to catch up with federal tax law changes, and the benefits of conformity become lost with each federal tax change.

Prospective date conformity means that the state has adopted the federal point of conformity, no matter what federal changes may have occurred since the state adoption. While the state does risk an unanticipated change in state revenue if the federal tax rules change, states which use prospective date conformity have found that the benefits outweigh this risk.

Piggybacking states must choose the point of conformity as well as the method of conformity. There is considerable variance in this choice. A state, such as Vermont, which conforms to Net Federal Income Tax includes in its state income tax all of the federal rules related to defining gross income, "For" Adjusted Gross Income deductions, itemized deductions, exemptions and credits, as well as the degree of progressivity in the federal tax rate structure.

In contrast, a state such as Ohio, which piggybacks on Federal Adjusted Gross Income only, conforms to the federally defined gross income and deductions for Adjusted Gross Income provisions. Such a state is then free to set its own rules for itemized deductions, exemptions, rate structure and credits.

Once a state chooses the point of conformity on the federal tax model, the state is free to choose any number and type of adjustments it wishes. However, most piggybacking states require only a limited number of state adjustments be made. Otherwise, the benefit of tax conformity, simplicity for the taxpayers, is eroded.

Where Alabama Stands Today

Alabama currently does not piggyback on the federal tax return such that an individual can use a federally computed number as the starting point for calculating the Alabama income tax. However, for a large number of specific provisions the Alabama tax law cites the federal *Internal Revenue Code* for the state income tax treatment. Thus, some of the changes made by the 1986 Tax Reform Act to the federal income tax are also made to the state income tax.

For example, the federal changes ending the sales tax as an itemized deduction and the limiting of the IRA deduction are both automatically incorporated into the Alabama income system. However, many items in the state law differ enough that the Alabama citizen cannot simply take a federally calculated number and use it as the measurement of the Alabama tax base.

For several items the federal tax law changes have caused greater disconformity. For example, federal changes made moving expenses an itemized deduction for federal tax purposes whereas for Alabama, these expenses remain a deduction in determining Adjusted Gross Income. This and other differences mean that Alabama taxpayers cannot use either the federal Adjusted Gross Income or the federally computed itemized deductions for state income tax purposes.

Similarly, other changes in the federal tax law such as the taxation of social security benefits, the limitations on business meal and entertainment expense deductions, the limits and ending of "consumer" interest deductions and passive activity losses make the Alabama income tax even less conforming. The tax forms are thus, harder to complete because now two different sets of tax rules are imposed upon citizens.

Ironically, while the 1986 Tax Reform Act caused considerable state-federal tax disconformity, the federal changes actually enhanced conformity for some items by removing differences in federal-Alabama treatment. For example, the repeal of the long term capital gains deduction brought the federal tax law in conformity with the Alabama tax law. Similarly, the repeal of the $100 dividend exclusion and the investment tax credit have removed some of the tax differences between the Alabama and federal income tax.

Conclusion

Currently, Alabama taxpayers cannot use federal tax calculations to compute state income tax. Ironically, filing corporate income tax returns in Alabama is much easier than filing individual income tax returns. The Alabama corporate income tax computation uses the federally measured "taxable income before net operating loss and special deduction" (line 28 on federal form 1120) as the starting point for the Alabama corporate income tax calculation. This is piggybacking.

Why can't similar piggybacking upon a federal point of conformity be adopted for the individual as well? Because of the linkage between federal and state tax returns already and because the state relies on the federal calculation for corporations, there seems to be no policy argument preventing piggybacking for individual tax returns for Alabama.

Interestingly, in 1982 the state did adopt extensive conformity with the federal tax return for itemized deductions. Unfortunately, the state's adoption method was mostly fixed date and successive federal tax acts have eroded much of the conformity. By now a person following the 1982 federal calculation for medical expense deductions and casualty losses does not save any time or effort for filing the 1987 state return. □

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METHODS AND POINTS OF CONFORMITY ON THE FEDERAL TAX MODEL CHOSEN BY STATES

	Method of Conformity	
Federal Income Tax Model for Individuals	Prospective Date	Fixed Date
Federal Gross Income		
-Federal Deductions For Adjusted Gross Income		
Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Illinois, Ohio, District of Columbia	Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky
-Federal Itemized or Standard Deduction		
Federal Tax Table Income	Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oklahoma, Virginia	Iowa, Maine, West Virginia, Georgia, California, Minnesota, Wisconsin
-Federal Exemptions		
Federal Taxable Income	Kansas, New Mexico, Utah	Hawaii, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota
-Federal Tax Rate		
Gross Federal Income Tax	Nebraska	
-Federal Credit /+ Other Taxes		
Net Federal Income Tax	Rhode Island, Vermont	

Source: "Impact of Reagan Tax Proposal on State Corporate and Individual Income Taxes," Journal of State and Local Tax, Vol. 4:3, Fall, 1985 by William D. Samson and Walter Robbins, pp. 218-219.

The Economy in Perspective:

FOCUS ON CHILTON COUNTY

Jeffrey Hollingshead

Chilton County was created on December 30, 1868 by the Alabama Legislature. After the Civil War, the citizens of the region felt the need for their own individual county. They also complained that their respective county seats were too far away. The territory for the county was taken from Autauga, Bibb, Perry and Shelby Counties. The county was called Baker County for Alfred Baker, a prominent citizen of the county at that time. On December 17, 1871 the Legislature changed the name to Chilton County in honor of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge William Parrish Chilton. Judge Chilton was also a member of the Congress of the Confederacy from the Montgomery district.

Clanton, Thorsby, Jemison and Maplesville are the incorporated towns located within the county. Clanton, the county seat, was named for Brigadier General James Holt Clanton, an outstanding figure in the history of Alabama.

A major point of interest in Chilton County is the Central Alabama Music Park. The 50 acre site is located just north of Jemison. The county annually has Blue Grass festivals, arts and crafts, and "Concerts in the Country" with well known stars such as Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, and George Jones.

Chilton County is located less than an hour's drive from two major metropolitan areas. To the north is Birmingham and to the south is Montgomery, the state capital. Interstate 65, which connects the two cities, runs through the middle of Chilton County. The county is also serviced by U.S. Highways 31 and 82 and State Highway 22. There is a public airport in Clanton, with the nearest commercial airport in Montgomery. Each of the four municipalities is served by rail for the transport of freight. CSX Transportation Inc. operates a railway system that runs north and south through Clanton, Jemison and Thorsby. Southern Rail, owned by Norfolk Southern Corp., runs through Maplesville.

The population of the county has gradually increased since the 1980 Census. The Census Bureau estimates that the 1986 county population was 31,100, and the Alabama State Data Center projects that by 1995 it will be 35,000. Clanton is the largest town with a population of 7,430. Jemison is second largest with a population of 1,830, followed by Thorsby with 1,580 and Maplesville with 870.

The economy during the first years of Chilton County's existence was based on the lumber industry, with an eventual shift to agriculture. The major crops grown in the county are peaches, cotton, corn, soybeans and timber. Chilton County is the Peach Center of Alabama. The peach crop grosses about 3 million dollars per year. Cattle, row crops and swine round out the agriculture of the county.

In recent years officials have worked hard to attract various industries to the county. Keystone Metal Moulding Co., an automotive trim and metal products industry, is the largest employer in the county with about 400 employees. Some of the larger clothing industries in the county are Camptown Togs, Maple Tree, Inc. and Jemison Sportswear. The largest lumber-related industries are Gulf States Paper, Union Camp and Hammermill Paper Company. Other major products being manufactured at this time are protective and safety clothing, electronic components, mining accessories, foundry products, signs, fertilizer, baskets, boat seats, exercise equipment, and printing presses.

The population is largely employed by the manufacturing sector which provides an annual payroll of 30 million dollars. Retail trade and the service industry provide the other large amounts of employment.

Chilton County's average educational attainment level is below the state average, but has been climbing through the decades. The 1970 Census revealed that only 31 percent of the county's adult men and 32 percent of the women had a high school diploma. By 1980 that average had risen significantly, to 47.5 percent for the men and 44.7 percent for the women. The 1990 Census is expected to show another big leap.

In 1987 Chilton County's average unemployment rate fell below double digits for the first time in at least seven years. Although the rate is still uncomfortably high, the trend of recent months is a good sign. Chilton County does have a significant advantage over most of the rural counties in Alabama because of the county's accessibility to both Birmingham and Montgomery. Because of this proximity Chilton County contains a large commuting work force whose destinations are Birmingham, Shelby County and Montgomery.

The county contains two hydroelectric plants, the Mitchell and Lay Dams, both a major source of power. Also, given the abundance of transportation and the strategic location, the county's industrial future would certainly seem bright. ☐

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NEWS BRIEFS

RECORD NUMBER OF AMERICANS MOVED

About 46 million people moved from one house or apartment to another from March 1984 to March 1985 compared with some 39 million in the previous 12 months, according to a report from the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The increase of 7.1 million movers in a single year was the largest since the 1950s.

Two-thirds of all movers, some 30 million, moved within the same county. The remainder was evenly divided between those moving between counties in the same state and those moving between states and from abroad.

The West recorded a net increase of 260,000 people. The South showed no significant net gain for the first time in several decades. The net losses for the Midwest, (211,000) and the Northeast (209,000) followed a trend of many years.

The report shows the moving rates are highest for those in their twenties and that they decline with increasing age. The rate for those aged 20 to 24 was 38 percent and for aged 25 to 29 it was 37 percent; the rate declined to a low of 6 percent for those aged 65 and over.

The survey showed that males are more likely to move than females, 21 percent compared with 19 percent.

The most frequent movers were those with at least some college (22 percent), those with five or more years of college (20 percent), and those with a high school education (20 percent). Only 14 percent of those with just an elementary school education moved.

Copies of *Geographical Mobility: March 1985*, Series P-20, No. 420, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or is available from a government documents depository library. ☐

WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN

Women outnumber men in Alabama, according to the Census Bureau's most recent estimates. There are more males than females in Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The numbers are about equal in Idaho.

There are more little boys than little girls in Alabama, but by age 18 to 24 females predominate, and they outnumber the men in every age group thereafter. In fact, 60 percent of Alabama's over-65s are women and only 40 percent are men.

Florida has the oldest population. Its median age is 36.0 compared with 31.7 for the nation. Alabama's median age, 31.0, is a little less than the national figure. States other than Florida with a median age of 33 or higher are all in the Northeast. They are New Jersey (34.1), Connecticut (33.9), Pennsylvania (33.8), New York (33.3), Rhode Island (33.2), and Massachusetts (33.0).

The West continues as the youngest region with a median age of 31.0, followed by the South at 31.4. Mississippi and Louisiana tie for third place (with Wyoming) as the states with the youngest populations. Utah, median age 25.5, and Alaska, median age 28.4, are numbers one and two.

The South and the West have seen most of the nation's growth in this decade. These two regions account for 15 million of the nation's 17 million increase in this decade. Population losses have continued in the energy-depressed states of West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. In 1987 Louisiana for the first time showed a loss from the previous year's estimate. In recent years Texas has grown far more slowly than earlier in the decade.

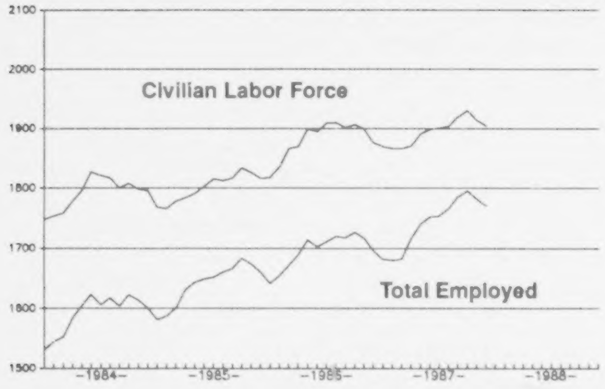
Florida has passed Pennsylvania as the fourth most populous state ranking behind California, New York, and Texas in the U.S. Census Bureau's 1987 estimates.

Alabama ranks twenty-second. The fastest growing states between 1980 and 1987 were Alaska, Nevada, Arizona and Florida. Alabama grew by 4.9 percent in that time, gaining 189,000 people.

For more information see *State Population and Household Estimates with Age, Sex, and Components of Change: 1981 to 1986.* Series P-25, No. 1010, available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from a government documents depository library. ☐

ALABAMA BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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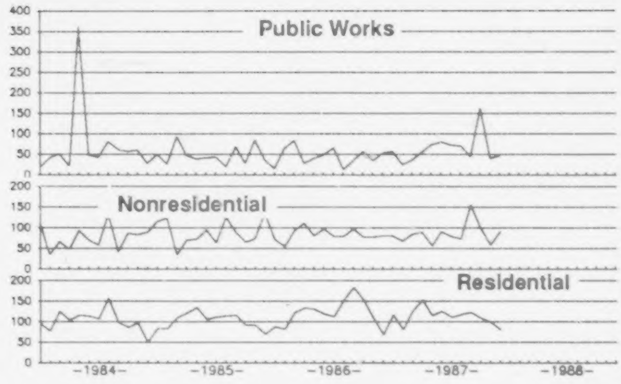

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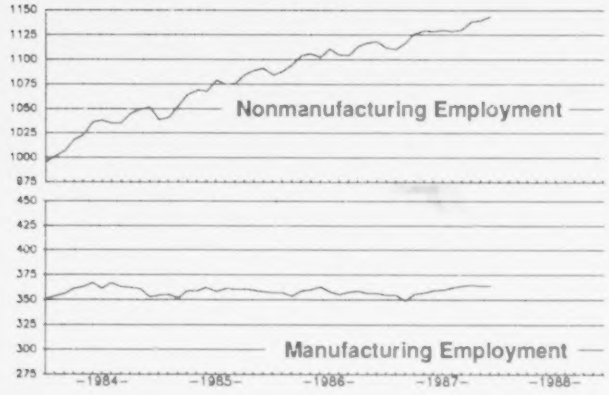

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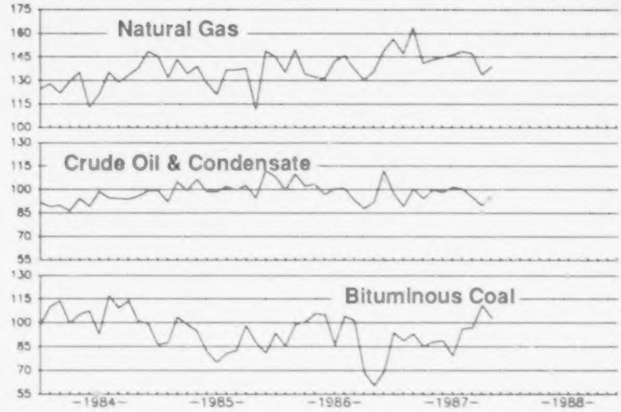

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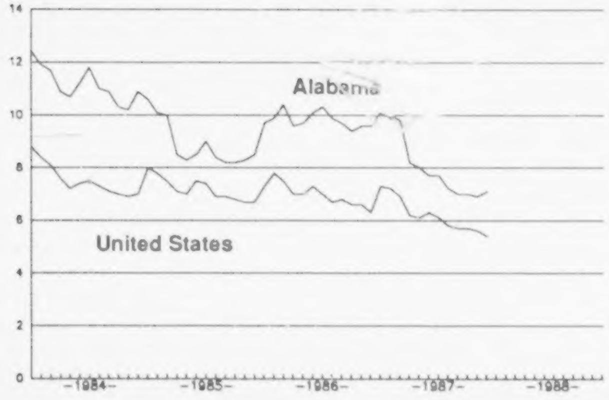

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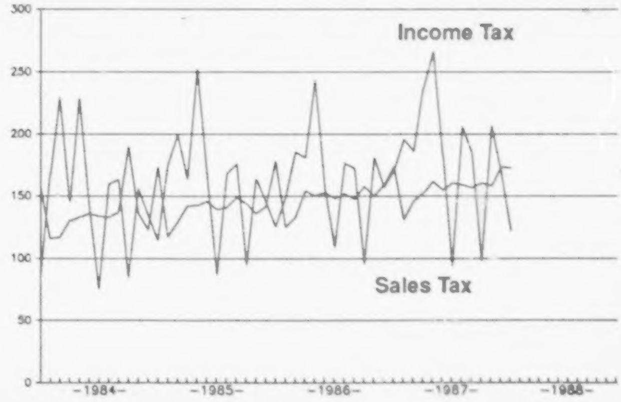

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986			1987									
	1985	1986	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,421	23,895	1,524	1,342	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	142,268	146,936	11,490	11,992	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	341,068	419,377	38,686	34,120	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,990	
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,470	21,399	1,564	1,631	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,537	23,314	2,006	1,934	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,292	6,485	576	543	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,885,600	2,982,300	275,100	191,800	201,900	253,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800
Residential	1,240,900	1,451,000	140,200	94,700	68,500	116,700	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500
Nonresidential	1,062,900	995,000	77,600	65,100	80,500	80,400	67,800	84,600	69,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400
Public works and utilities	581,800	536,200	57,300	31,900	52,900	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,306	1,334	126	85	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	222,747	235,033	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201
Franchise	69,838	75,088	4,243	1,098	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	16,901	17,984	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	54,502	102,972	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	5,150	5,661	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,300	2,102	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	664	597	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996
Sales	730,389	775,708	67,637	64,387	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	14,231	0	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	0	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,368	6,031	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805
Use	79,253	84,390	19,179	880	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501
Utility	156,209	160,233	12,611	12,072	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[4] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	322.2	328.4	330.5	330.8	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8	342.7	344.4	345.3
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.1	.1	.1	.6	.4	.4	.5	.3	.4	.2	.6	.5	.3
Food	309.8	319.7	323.7	324.6	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6	333.8	334.9	335.3
Housing	349.9	360.2	363.0	361.7	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5	374.9	375.4	375.2
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	379.1	371.1	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1	391.1	389.8	381.3
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	213.2	213.1	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5	214.7	222.2	226.3
Transportation	319.9	307.5	302.6	304.3	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5	320.2	320.4	321.9
Medical care	403.1	433.5	442.3	444.6	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1	466.1	467.8	469.8
Energy	426.5	370.3	348.6	341.7	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4	388.9	387.4	376.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	298.3	298.7	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.1	308.5	309.8	310.5	310.4	311.4
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	309.3	309.8	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.3	320.2	322.1	323.8	323.3	324.9
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	310	305	303	302	302	300	299	298	296	295	294	293	292	290	290
Wholesale prices	324	334	335	335	335	332	331	330	328	326	324	323	322	322	321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[5]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,906.7	1,898.9	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5	1,904.2	1,920.1	1,930.2
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	180.1	181.6	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6	138.0	134.2	134.3
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.4	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.0	7.0
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,726.6	1,717.3	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9	1,766.2	1,785.9	1,795.9
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,472.0	1,473.0	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0	1,490.8	1,494.7	1,503.3
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	358.5	356.2	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1	362.0	364.2	364.3
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	172.0	171.7	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6	175.5	176.1	176.2
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	23.4	23.2	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7	24.5	24.6	24.7
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	23.7	23.3	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.3	21.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	21.6	21.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	22.1	22.4	22.3
Transportation	26.4	27.2	27.3	27.5	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.5
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.5	18.7
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	186.5	184.5	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5	186.5	188.1	188.1
Food	29.1	30.1	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0	31.3	31.4
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	37.9	37.8	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5	38.8	39.1	39.0
Apparel	53.6	53.7	53.9	52.4	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0	54.4	55.1	54.8
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.1	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.2	20.0	20.2
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.4	12.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.1	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.8	10.7
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.8	16.7	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	17.1	17.3	17.4
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,113.5	1,116.8	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9	1,128.8	1,130.5	1,139.0
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.7
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	76.7	76.3	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3	78.3	78.5	77.1	78.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.7	71.0	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2	72.3	72.1	71.8
Trade	305.6	320.4	326.6	329.1	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6	330.4	331.2	333.2
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	77.7	77.2	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2	76.9	77.1	77.4
Retail	229.6	243.5	248.9	251.9	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4	253.5	254.1	255.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	69.7	69.8	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4	71.1	70.8	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.2	261.0	261.1	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	267.0	269.1	270.0	270.6	272.0	271.7
Government	295.9	297.0	295.9	297.6	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9	294.5	295.7	302.1
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.5	64.7	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9	68.2	68.0	68.6
State and local	230.7	232.8	231.4	232.9	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0	226.3	227.7	233.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986			1987									
	1985	1986	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	20,703	15,432	15,105	21,041	18,628	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	7,584	5,503	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	27,962	26,918	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	14,936	13,061	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086 8.7	15,694 7.9	16,220 9.2	16,160 9.2	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6	15,770 8.6	15,890 8.1	16,160 8.2	16,190 7.3	16,040 6.6	16,050 6.3	16,130 6.6	16,080 5.7
Baldwin	37,063 7.9	38,264 8.9	38,230 8.2	38,520 8.8	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5	39,520 12.6	37,990 7.7	38,280 7.2	38,340 6.6	38,320 6.5	38,240 6.5	38,730 6.9	38,600 7.2
Barbour	11,368 10.6	11,903 9.5	12,200 9.3	12,130 9.0	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4	11,850 9.4	11,830 9.0	11,920 7.9	12,050 8.6	11,820 7.7	11,850 7.2	12,040 7.6	12,180 7.2
Bibb	6,965 12.3	7,273 13.3	7,400 11.5	7,310 14.0	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8	7,220 14.7	7,120 13.4	7,090 10.8	7,220 10.9	7,280 9.2	7,370 10.2	7,360 9.4	7,380 10.7	7,370 9.5
Blount	15,743 7.6	16,682 9.0	16,730 8.3	16,830 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,680 9.8	17,070 11.0	16,980 9.1	17,040 8.3	17,110 7.5	16,890 6.3	17,020 6.6	17,120 6.4	17,000 5.5
Bullock	3,716 16.0	3,971 17.3	4,180 15.5	4,080 17.2	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7	3,750 14.1	3,800 12.7	3,870 11.7	3,960 14.2	4,020 15.9	4,070 15.2	4,070 12.9	4,150 13.0
Butler	9,057 12.4	9,382 11.7	9,510 11.3	9,540 11.4	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0	9,650 13.5	9,430 9.3	9,640 10.2	9,810 10.4	9,780 12.2	9,730 11.8	9,780 10.6	9,830 9.2
Calhoun	49,921 9.0	51,892 9.6	52,410 9.6	52,260 9.4	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.2	51,760 11.2	51,420 8.7	51,770 8.0	52,280 7.7	52,550 7.3	52,840 7.0	52,980 6.7	53,410 6.7
Chambers	16,870 8.9	17,241 8.6	17,140 8.1	17,110 7.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7	17,000 7.7	17,010 7.3	17,190 6.7	17,360 6.2	17,690 6.1	17,870 5.9	18,070 5.4	18,350 5.2	18,210 5.0
Cherokee	7,872 15.1	7,768 13.5	7,870 10.9	7,800 11.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 12.0	7,860 17.3	8,040 9.7	8,140 9.0	8,240 8.5	8,130 7.2	8,160 6.2	8,330 6.1	8,470 6.1
Chilton	15,008 10.4	15,723 10.6	16,190 11.4	15,940 12.7	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2	15,560 11.9	15,350 10.1	15,780 10.0	15,810 8.5	15,800 9.1	15,830 8.3	16,090 7.7	16,260 7.1
Choctaw	6,618 13.8	7,481 14.9	7,390 13.1	7,350 15.4	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1	7,060 18.7	6,800 10.5	6,860 9.3	6,920 8.2	6,970 7.9	7,070 7.9	7,000 7.6	7,070 8.0
Clarke	11,033 10.0	11,363 11.4	11,590 10.3	11,570 10.5	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8	11,480 17.8	11,290 10.1	11,390 9.7	11,380 9.5	11,490 9.3	11,440 9.6	11,550 10.0	11,830 11.7
Clay	6,356 11.0	6,358 15.0	6,300 12.3	6,210 9.7	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2	6,130 10.9	6,260 20.8	6,120 9.4	6,150 9.3	6,030 9.1	6,160 8.5	6,160 7.2	6,240 6.3	6,550 5.9
Cleburne	5,750 9.2	5,719 8.8	5,800 8.3	5,640 6.7	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1	5,310 12.4	5,320 7.9	5,400 7.5	5,260 7.2	5,290 7.7	5,250 6.6	5,330 5.9	5,410 6.7
Coffee	17,103 7.2	17,625 8.8	18,250 10.2	17,910 9.7	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0	17,070 7.6	17,310 7.1	17,610 6.6	17,470 6.1	17,470 5.9	17,750 6.0	18,070 5.8	18,220 6.2
Colbert	24,147 13.4	24,628 13.9	24,730 13.0	24,540 13.3	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6	23,940 12.7	23,800 10.8	24,200 10.8	24,010 9.8	23,970 9.6	24,040 9.2	24,290 8.8	24,400 8.6
Conecuh	6,309 10.9	6,458 16.0	6,400 17.3	6,440 17.9	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1	6,610 25.4	6,140 17.3	6,200 17.2	6,010 16.6	5,970 14.9	5,880 13.1	5,890 12.4	5,940 12.0
Coosa	4,591 7.6	4,760 8.0	4,830 7.5	4,830 7.1	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3	4,810 6.7	4,750 7.0	4,780 5.4	4,850 5.8	4,820 5.6	4,870 5.3	4,880 5.2	4,910 5.0	4,960 4.6
Covington	17,005 9.8	17,224 10.7	17,620 10.0	17,710 11.5	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2	17,250 9.4	17,460 8.0	17,710 7.3	17,600 6.7	17,750 6.8	17,690 6.5	17,920 6.4	18,430 6.3
Crenshaw	6,071 8.8	6,187 9.0	6,480 7.7	6,370 8.7	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8	6,260 18.0	6,180 9.0	6,380 9.3	6,240 8.6	6,180 9.2	6,200 8.6	6,390 7.2	6,560 8.2
Cullman	30,434 9.7	31,390 9.4	32,490 8.7	31,900 9.8	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2	30,900 9.5	31,320 8.5	31,730 7.8	31,460 7.5	31,430 7.7	31,660 7.6	32,110 7.0	32,510 6.7
Dale	15,873 9.2	16,753 10.1	17,290 9.5	17,010 8.9	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1	16,730 9.2	16,800 8.1	16,990 7.5	16,980 7.3	17,210 7.9	17,380 7.7	17,670 7.5	17,920 7.8
Dallas	22,255 14.6	23,022 15.9	22,830 15.6	22,500 16.4	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7	21,590 13.9	22,120 16.6	22,240 16.3	22,230 16.2	22,230 15.9	22,000 15.1	22,090 14.6	21,910 13.7
DeKalb	27,295 10.5	28,748 10.0	29,400 9.1	29,060 9.6	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3	28,230 11.0	28,550 8.6	29,110 7.9	29,070 7.4	29,350 7.2	29,530 6.8	29,670 6.5	29,810 7.0
Elmore	20,131 7.4	21,013 6.9	21,310 6.5	21,420 7.2	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6	20,800 6.3	20,990 5.9	21,360 6.0	21,590 6.0	21,560 6.0	21,590 5.8	21,650 5.8	21,740 5.6
Escambia	16,662 10.0	17,061 11.5	17,040 10.4	16,930 11.1	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8	16,590 13.7	16,900 17.2	16,290 11.2	16,300 10.4	16,480 10.1	16,570 9.4	16,640 9.4	16,590 8.8	16,510 9.2
Etowah	42,011 10.4	43,954 13.0	43,700 11.0	43,750 11.5	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1	42,880 13.0	42,530 10.2	42,760 9.8	42,720 9.1	43,030 8.8	43,150 8.0	43,250 7.8	43,110 7.6
Fayette	8,183 14.3	8,028 13.8	8,060 13.2	8,030 12.5	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,840 12.9	7,720 12.6	7,750 11.6	7,830 11.4	7,700 10.3	7,620 10.3	7,710 10.2	7,840 10.1	7,830 10.1
Franklin	14,928 13.8	15,310 13.6	15,210 12.1	15,180 12.0	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9	15,020 13.2	15,100 10.7	15,250 10.1	15,340 9.4	15,280 8.9	15,160 7.3	15,280 7.6	15,350 8.9
Geneva	10,747 9.5	11,047 8.5	11,590 8.5	11,040 7.3	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4	10,370 8.4	10,510 8.2	10,650 7.2	10,880 6.1	10,950 6.0	10,850 5.4	10,870 5.3	11,090 5.1	11,290 5.6
Greene	3,801 17.7	3,733 15.9	3,890 15.4	3,820 15.6	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3	3,760 17.0	3,900 19.7	3,720 13.9	3,760 13.3	3,770 18.0	3,790 17.6	3,830 17.6	3,850 16.6	3,840 15.7
Hale	5,783 11.5	5,986 10.7	6,290 9.4	6,230 11.1	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8	6,140 10.1	6,190 8.4	6,280 7.7	6,280 9.8	6,110 7.9	6,210 6.8	6,410 7.8	6,400 7.0
Henry	6,683 10.8	6,631 9.7	6,830 7.7	6,650 7.8	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7	6,410 7.4	6,710 7.6	6,900 7.2	6,720 6.8	6,670 7.2	6,780 6.6	7,050 6.4	7,050 5.8
Houston	37,718 7.6	39,734 8.3	40,890 7.4	40,530 7.5	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5	39,560 7.1	39,960 6.5	40,410 6.0	40,460 5.9	40,630 5.6	40,940 5.2	41,670 5.2	41,910 4.6
Jackson	20,381 12.4	20,968 14.7	21,150 12.1	21,370 16.4	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6	20,600 10.9	20,660 9.3	20,890 9.2	20,800 10.3	20,560 9.8	20,790 9.4	21,050 8.8	21,660 8.7
Jefferson	318,469 6.8	335,634 7.7	340,740 8.2	339,950 8.1	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7	335,270 7.6	338,280 6.8	340,460 6.3	344,870 6.3	345,930 6.7	345,860 6.2	348,310 6.1	348,350 5.9
Lamar	8,807 8.1	8,856 8.9	8,790 9.1	8,900 8.6	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3	8,900 8.2	8,830 6.7	8,970 6.6	9,030 6.7	9,050 7.6	8,980 6.4	8,870 6.0	8,980 6.4
Lauderdale	36,244 10.9	37,027 11.6	37,330 11.0	36,820 10.7	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1	36,030 10.3	35,760 8.4	36,270 8.1	36,470 8.3	36,550 8.5	36,590 7.8	36,840 7.1	37,040 7.0
Lawrence	12,615 12.8	12,632 14.6	12,910 13.6	12,620 14.1	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5	12,210 12.7	12,120 13.3	12,060 11.5	12,220 10.5	12,320 10.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986			1987									
	1985	1986	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Lee	37.526 6.9	38.124 7.7	38.070 7.2	38.260 6.7	37.430 6.5	37.040 7.1	37.050 6.9	36.830 6.6	37.000 6.1	37.540 6.2	36.740 5.8	36.650 5.9	36.680 5.3	36.990 4.6	37.780 4.6
Limestone	26.997 7.2	29.806 8.9	30.570 8.0	30.330 7.9	29.730 8.0	29.720 8.5	29.230 8.2	29.200 8.1	29.370 7.0	29.870 7.0	29.280 6.4	29.370 7.6	29.670 5.9	30.430 5.6	30.680 5.4
Lowndes	4.686 14.5	4.525 15.8	4.720 16.4	4.750 16.6	4.580 16.0	4.350 17.9	4.390 17.5	4.430 16.7	4.560 16.6	4.800 23.6	4.620 24.7	4.660 23.7	4.750 22.3	4.970 21.0	5.130 20.3
Macon	10.416 8.3	10.693 9.0	10.910 9.2	10.710 8.4	10.650 8.5	10.480 7.7	10.430 6.8	10.430 6.6	10.480 5.7	10.700 6.6	10.790 7.0	10.930 7.7	10.930 7.4	10.900 7.1	10.880 6.9
Madison	117.702 6.0	126.253 7.2	128.630 7.5	128.660 7.3	127.930 7.2	126.610 7.0	126.190 6.9	126.360 6.6	126.870 5.7	128.380 5.3	129.660 5.1	130.410 5.3	130.410 4.6	131.670 4.6	132.640 4.7
Marengo	9.626 10.3	10.045 11.1	10.140 9.6	10.020 10.2	9.970 10.7	9.800 10.4	9.730 9.5	10.080 16.1	9.800 9.7	9.940 8.4	9.840 7.6	9.780 7.4	9.830 7.0	9.950 6.9	10.060 7.4
Marion	15.258 13.9	16.080 14.3	16.150 14.[illegible]	15.960 15.2	15.610 15.3	15.620 16.9	15.380 15.7	15.400 17.1	15.230 10.9	15.400 10.1	15.530 9.8	15.600 10.8	15.670 9.2	15.560 7.9	15.710 7.9
Marshall	35.583 8.7	37.011 11.8	37.000 10.3	37.020 11.1	36.420 10.4	36.300 10.7	36.380 10.8	36.270 10.2	36.320 8.5	37.080 8.1	37.140 7.8	37.420 7.4	37.300 6.8	37.600 6.5	38.020 6.8
Mobile	166.284 9.5	172.880 11.1	173.620 10.8	173.350 10.6	171.770 10.7	171.770 11.5	171.420 11.5	169.800 10.3	171.920 10.0	173.400 9.6	175.080 9.8	175.160 9.8	174.170 9.5	175.580 9.5	175.240 9.9
Monroe	9.142 13.5	9.649 13.3	9.750 10.2	9.810 12.6	9.660 15.1	9.740 14.3	9.780 14.5	10.070 28.1	9.520 10.6	9.640 11.7	9.700 11.2	9.530 9.0	9.700 9.3	9.780 8.2	9.890 9.3
Montgomery	92.439 7.0	97.695 7.6	99.750 7.8	99.480 7.9	97.830 7.4	97.510 7.5	97.280 7.4	96.380 7.3	97.570 6.6	99.450 6.9	100.300 6.6	100.220 6.7	100.350 6.5	101.270 6.2	101.040 6.3
Morgan	43.439 8.1	45.825 10.0	46.260 9.9	45.920 9.6	45.670 9.7	45.390 10.1	45.360 10.1	[illegible]5.640 11.1	45.700 8.9	46.640 9.9	46.680 8.1	47.360 8.7	47.160 8.0	46.950 7.2	47.160 7.3
Perry	5.283 12.9	5.444 12.9	5.630 10.4	5.620 15.4	5.500 20.3	5.480 19.0	5.430 12.5	5.450 12.7	5.460 9.7	5.710 10.4	5.590 9.9	5.500 10.2	5.550 10.1	5.570 13.3	5.660 9.8
Pickens	7.008 15.3	7.558 14.7	8.050 15.0	7.750 15.1	7.520 15.5	7.470 15.6	7.390 15.0	7.280 15.1	7.240 11.6	7.450 11.6	7.380 11.1	7.350 10.5	7.440 10.6	7.590 9.0	7.670 8.7
Pike	11.773 7.9	12.612 8.6	13.190 8.4	13.030 8.4	12.210 9.1	12.630 8.3	12.650 8.6	12.650 8.3	12.640 7.0	12.880 7.0	12.870 7.1	12.530 7.1	12.540 7.1	13.070 6.5	13.230 6.2
Randolph	8.875 9.6	9.424 9.2	9.520 9.4	9.600 8.3	9.430 7.5	9.440 7.2	9.410 7.3	9.470 7.8	9.390 6.1	9.420 6.1	9.320 6.6	9.100 8.3	9.340 7.2	9.450 6.6	9.730 5.8
Russell	22.271 9.8	22.641 9.6	22.900 9.9	22.810 9.4	22.700 9.2	22.680 9.7	22.430 8.9	22.440 8.3	22.520 8.1	22.590 7.5	22.790 7.0	22.500 6.6	22.720 6.6	22.780 6.2	22.780 5.9
St. Clair	19.776 8.4	20.610 8.4	20.700 7.8	20.620 7.6	20.610 8.1	20.440 8.2	20.380 8.1	20.590 8.7	20.630 6.8	20.870 6.8	20.950 5.7	20.820 5.4	20.850 5.1	20.980 4.9	21.080 5.2
Shelby	35.600 6.8	37.153 6.8	38.170 8.3	37.440 6.6	37.340 7.0	37.010 7.2	37.010 7.2	37.080 6.5	37.250 5.4	37.810 5.6	38.330 5.9	38.110 5.2	38.040 4.7	38.320 4.5	38.350 4.4
Sumter	6.143 13.8	6.243 21.0	6.260 17.9	6.160 17.8	5.800 17.2	5.830 16.3	5.810 15.5	5.810 16.1	5.710 13.1	5.740 11.6	5.660 14.2	5.730 14.1	5.760 13.6	5.890 10.7	6.040 11.4
Talladega	31.462 13.2	32.143 12.4	32.590 12.4	32.350 12.6	32.170 11.9	32.110 12.5	32.160 12.2	32.290 12.4	32.040 10.4	32.330 9.7	32.710 9.6	32.590 9.1	32.490 8.7	32.580 8.2	32.810 8.3
Tallapoosa	18.028 8.4	19.101 8.0	19.360 7.5	19.350 6.9	19.110 6.5	19.080 7.5	19.010 7.1	19.130 7.8	19.190 6.8	19.520 7.6	19.930 6.7	19.650 6.4	19.690 6.1	19.750 5.8	19.780 5.6
Tuscaloosa	64.304 6.8	68.450 7.7	70.000 7.1	69.930 7.3	69.250 7.5	69.180 7.6	69.180 7.5	69.190 7.4	69.800 6.3	70.010 6.6	69.020 6.3	69.050 6.3	70.360 5.8	71.430 5.4	72.070 5.2
Walker	28.188 11.6	30.633 15.2	29.350 10.6	29.730 11.9	29.760 12.5	30.000 14.1	29.860 13.7	30.020 13.4	30.050 12.0	30.220 11.5	30.380 10.8	29.960 9.6	30.020 9.4	30.250 9.3	30.280 9.2
Washington	5.826 15.1	5.594 19.4	5.580 16.9	5.570 17.6	5.530 20.3	5.490 20.6	5.430 19.5	5.650 23.2	5.160 15.2	5.200 14.2	5.130 13.9	5.080 12.8	5.070 12.0	5.250 11.2	5.420 12.0
Wilcox	4.341 15.7	4.402 16.8	4.500 15.3	4.470 15.9	4.330 14.7	4.300 14.8	4.280 14.4	4.270 13.5	4.340 13.8	4.440 14.3	4.370 13.6	4.320 14.0	4.330 14.8	4.420 13.5	4.450 12.3
Winston	10.344 17.5	10.288 21.1	10.130 16.4	10.230 20.0	9.990 20.0	10.080 22.9	9.910 22.8	9.830 20.5	9.710 14.9	9.810 13.2	9.870 12.6	9.890 11.9	10.040 11.1	9.990 10.2	10.170 10.6
TRADE															
Foreign: through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	774.985	707.055	65.322	60.114	42.325	57.440	54.801	80.872	54.600	41.489	55.801	51.975	79.428		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	13.402	14.193	961	1.061	1.040	893	427	1.068	631	409	1.093	686	980		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	602.564	765.872	70.123	115.624	90.360	110.165	87.135	113.029	75.064	41.489	65.837	56.402	58.246		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	22.799	22.134	1.541	1.851	2.134	1.836	1.936	2.812	2.109	865	1.803	1.562	1.480		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] (1,000 tons)	38.242	38.701	3.122	3.746	3.387	2.253	2.421	3.023	2.614	1.749	2.326	2.188	2.255	2.684	2.314
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	25.020	26.769	2.307	1.808	2.112	2.438	2.073	2.024	1.900	2.134	2.655	3.013	3.283	2.644	1.899
Gasoline sales[7] (1,000 gallons)	1,881.466	2,012.114	173.172	153.194	184.455	159.663	150.881	171.345	177.497	177.125	185.757	189.551	174.105		
New passenger car registrations[8] (number)	153.540	159.481	11.691	10.048	12.133	8.953	10.243	11.477	12.573	12.310	12.356	13.117	14.086	13.206	10.298

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of Dodge/DRI Construction and Real Estate Information Service.

[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer PriceIndex consists of "All Urban Consumers". Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to January 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[6] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving though private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[7] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1986	1987											
	1985	1986	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,421	23,895	1,526	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	142,268	146,936	13,096	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,087
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	341,068	419,377	37,743	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,595
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	21,470	21,399	1,988	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,537	23,314	1,857	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,292	6,485	560	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	2,885,600	2,984,600	204,200	248,700	173,100	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500
Residential	1,240,900	1,453,200	70,700	110,400	80,600	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900
Nonresidential	1,062,900	995,300	80,800	81,700	67,800	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200
Public works and utilities	581,800	536,100	52,800	56,600	24,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,306	1,334	75	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax ($1,000)															
Total	2,772,554	2,846,837	223,165	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053
Franchise	69,838	75,088	1,000	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	202,540	207,667	15,767	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416
Income	1,084,829	1,099,406	89,540	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930
Motor fuels	51,921	53,604	5,233	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784
Oil/gas privilege	64,950	42,775	2,404	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343
Oil/gas production	17,600	11,859	696	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958
Sales	730,389	775,708	68,222	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278
2.2% gross receipts	54,972	56,147	0	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39
TVA electric	42,844	45,346	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	72,774	73,282	6,214	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426
Use	79,253	84,390	665	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950
Utility	156,209	160,233	14,823	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[4] (1967 = 100)															
All items	322.2	328.4	331.1	333.1	334.4	335.9	337.7	338.7	340.1	340.8	342.7	344.4	345.3	345.8	345.7
Percent change	3.6	1.9	.1	6	4	4	5	3	4	2	6	5	3	1	-0.0
Food	309.8	319.7	325.2	328.9	330.1	330.0	331.0	332.5	334.1	333.6	333.8	334.9	335.3	335.1	336.7
Housing	349.9	360.2	362.1	363.9	365.1	366.4	367.7	368.9	371.3	372.5	374.9	375.4	375.2	374.9	375.3
Fuel and utilities	393.6	384.7	371.0	373.7	374.8	374.9	374.2	377.5	387.6	388.1	391.1	389.8	381.3	378.2	376.9
Apparel and upkeep	206.0	207.8	210.9	207.1	208.4	215.2	218.7	218.0	214.5	210.5	214.7	222.2	226.3	226.4	221.1
Transportation	319.9	307.5	304.8	308.5	310.0	310.6	313.3	314.6	316.7	318.5	320.2	320.4	321.9	324.1	323.3
Medical care	403.1	433.5	446.8	449.6	452.4	455.0	457.3	458.9	461.3	464.1	466.1	467.8	469.8	471.7	472.9
Energy	426.5	370.3	342.4	352.2	359.2	360.0	362.4	366.9	380.6	382.4	388.9	387.4	376.7	373.5	370.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	308.8	299.8	298.1	300.9	302.2	302.7	305.0	307.1	308.5	309.8	310.6	310.4	311.4	311.9	311.7
Industrial commodities	323.8	312.1	309.3	313.5	314.9	315.7	317.3	318.3	320.2	322.1	323.8	323.3	324.9	325.4	325.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.310	.305	.302	.300	.299	.298	.296	.295	.294	.293	.292	.290	.290	.289	.289
Wholesale prices	.324	.334	.335	.332	.331	.330	.328	.326	.324	.323	.322	.322	.321	.321	.321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[5]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,801.0	1,882.0	1,875.7	1,869.7	1,865.9	1,865.9	1,870.0	1,891.6	1,899.3	1,900.5	1,904.2	1,920.1	1,930.2	1,914.6	1,904.7
Unemployment	160.0	185.0	179.8	188.1	185.7	183.6	153.7	150.5	146.5	146.6	138.0	134.2	134.3	131.9	135.5
Unemployment rate	8.9	9.8	9.6	10.1	10.0	9.8	8.2	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.1
Employment	1,641.0	1,697.0	1,695.9	1,681.6	1,680.2	1,682.3	1,716.3	1,741.1	1,752.8	1,753.9	1,766.2	1,785.9	1,795.9	1,782.7	1,769.2
Nonagricultural	1,427.0	1,461.4	1,474.0	1,466.1	1,465.4	1,465.8	1,482.2	1,486.3	1,488.1	1,490.0	1,490.8	1,494.7	1,503.3	1,503.3	1,527.9
Manufacturing	358.2	357.5	356.0	354.6	354.6	349.0	355.8	356.9	359.1	360.1	362.0	364.2	364.3	363.7	373.4
Durable goods	175.5	173.2	170.9	170.2	169.9	169.7	171.8	172.8	173.1	173.6	175.5	176.1	176.2	175.9	180.6
Lumber and wood products	29.3	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.0	28.7	28.7	29.2	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.1	30.0
Stone, clay, glass products	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.8
Primary metals	26.6	24.7	23.1	22.8	22.9	23.7	24.3	24.3	24.7	23.7	24.5	24.6	24.7	24.8	26.5
Fabricated metals	23.0	22.9	23.1	22.9	22.7	22.8	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.9	23.5	23.4	23.5	23.6	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	19.8	20.2	20.1	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.3	21.5	21.6	22.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.8	22.2	22.0	22.0	21.7	20.8	21.5	21.6	21.6	21.7	22.1	22.4	22.3	21.8	23.1
Transportation	26.4	27.2	26.9	26.7	26.8	27.0	26.8	27.1	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.5	26.6	27.5
Other durable goods	18.5	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.6
Nondurable goods	182.7	184.3	185.1	184.4	184.7	179.3	184.0	184.1	186.0	186.5	186.5	188.1	188.1	187.8	192.8
Food	29.1	30.1	30.9	30.5	30.4	29.9	30.1	30.4	30.7	31.2	31.0	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.7
Textile mill products	36.4	37.5	38.0	38.1	38.3	38.0	38.4	38.3	38.8	38.5	38.8	39.1	39.0	39.1	39.3
Apparel	53.6	53.7	52.7	53.2	53.1	48.6	53.5	53.3	54.0	54.0	54.4	55.1	54.8	54.5	56.3
Paper and allied products	21.5	20.8	21.3	21.0	21.0	20.9	19.9	20.0	20.6	20.6	20.2	20.0	20.2	20.1	20.5
Printing and publishing	11.8	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.4	12.5	12.6	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.7	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.6	11.0
Rubber products	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	17.1	17.3	17.4	17.4	18.4
Other nondurable goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,069.0	1,103.9	1,118.0	1,111.5	1,110.8	1,116.8	1,126.4	1,129.4	1,129.0	1,129.9	1,128.8	1,130.5	1,139.0	1,139.6	1,154.5
Mining and quarrying	14.5	12.4	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6
Bituminous coal mining	10.6	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9
Contract construction	71.4	75.4	75.3	75.1	74.1	75.6	76.9	76.7	78.3	78.3	78.5	77.1	78.3	76.1	74.4
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.7	71.5	71.3	70.6	70.7	70.9	71.6	71.7	72.5	72.2	72.3	72.1	71.8	71.5	72.3
Trade	305.6	320.4	331.6	324.7	321.1	323.8	326.9	329.0	329.7	329.6	330.4	331.2	333.2	336.3	344.8
Wholesale	76.0	76.9	76.4	76.1	76.3	76.6	76.8	76.7	77.4	77.2	76.9	77.1	77.4	76.9	78.9
Retail	229.6	243.5	255.2	248.6	244.8	247.2	250.1	252.3	252.3	252.4	253.5	254.1	255.8	259.4	265.9
Finance, insurance, real estate	65.8	69.0	70.0	70.3	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9	71.2	71.4	71.1	70.8	70.2	69.9	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	243.1	258.3	261.5	261.1	263.1	265.1	266.9	287.0	269.1	270.0	270.6	272.0	271.7	270.9	278.7
Government	295.9	297.0	296.4	297.8	299.7	299.5	301.8	302.8	296.9	297.9	294.5	295.7	302.1	303.2	302.5
Federal	65.2	64.2	64.9	64.8	65.1	65.6	66.7	67.0	67.7	67.9	68.2	68.0	68.6	68.8	67.2
State and local	230.7	232.8	231.5	233.0	234.6	233.9	235.1	235.8	229.2	230.0	226.3	227.7	233.5	234.4	235.3

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986	1987											
	1985	1986	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	233,117	242,053	15,105	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	......
Nonagricultural placements	94,808	91,768	4,787	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	......
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	420,689	425,763	48,014	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	......
Payments *($1,000)*	172,910	186,826	18,326	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	......
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,086 8.7	15,694 7.9	15,800 8.1	15,870 8.9	15,960 9.6	15,770 8.6	15,890 8.1	16,160 8.2	16,190 7.3	16,040 6.6	16,050 6.3	16,130 6.6	16,080 5.7	16,010 5.6	15,940 5.2
Baldwin	37,063 7.9	38,264 8.9	38,640 10.0	38,370 10.1	38,040 9.5	39,520 12.6	37,990 7.7	38,280 7.2	38,340 6.6	38,320 6.5	38,240 6.5	38,730 6.9	38,600 7.2	38,650 7.6	38,880 8.8
Barbour	11,368 10.6	11,903 9.5	11,860 8.4	11,890 9.0	11,930 10.4	11,850 9.4	11,830 9.0	11,920 7.9	12,050 8.6	11,820 7.7	11,850 7.2	12,040 7.6	12,180 7.2	12,190 7.1	12,010 6.5
Bibb	6,965 12.3	7,273 13.3	7,260 16.0	7,280 16.8	7,220 14.7	7,120 13.4	7,090 10.8	7,220 10.9	7,280 9.2	7,370 10.2	7,360 9.4	7,380 10.7	7,370 9.5	7,260 10.4	7,180 12.9
Blount	15,743 7.6	16,682 9.0	16,780 9.4	16,840 10.6	16,680 9.8	17,070 11.0	16,980 9.1	17,040 8.3	17,110 7.5	16,890 6.3	17,020 6.6	17,120 6.4	17,000 5.5	16,940 5.6	17,180 6.9
Bullock	3,716 16.0	3,971 17.3	3,950 18.7	3,840 17.6	3,770 15.7	3,750 14.1	3,800 12.7	3,870 11.7	3,960 14.2	4,020 15.9	4,070 15.2	4,070 12.9	4,150 13.0	4,050 13.9	4,010 15.2
Butler	9,057 12.4	9,382 11.7	9,500 11.0	9,610 11.8	9,630 14.0	9,650 13.5	9,430 9.3	9,640 10.2	9,810 10.4	9,780 12.2	9,730 11.8	9,780 10.6	9,830 9.2	9,730 8.8	9,720 8.7
Calhoun	49,921 9.0	51,892 9.6	51,890 9.5	51,850 10.5	51,600 10.2	51,760 11.2	51,420 8.7	51,770 8.0	52,280 7.7	52,550 7.3	52,840 7.0	52,980 6.7	53,410 6.7	53,190 6.3	53,140 6.5
Chambers	16,870 8.9	17,241 8.6	17,040 7.7	17,020 7.7	17,000 7.7	17,010 7.3	17,190 6.7	17,360 6.2	17,690 6.1	17,870 5.9	18,070 5.4	18,350 5.2	18,210 5.0	18,090 5.0	17,960 4.8
Cherokee	7,872 15.1	7,768 13.5	7,590 12.0	7,770 12.0	7,780 12.0	7,860 17.3	8,040 9.7	8,140 9.0	8,240 8.5	8,130 7.2	8,160 6.2	8,330 6.1	8,470 6.1	8,310 6.4	8,000 6.8
Chilton	15,008 10.4	15,723 10.6	15,560 13.0	15,580 13.9	15,630 12.2	15,560 11.9	15,350 10.1	15,780 10.0	15,810 8.5	15,800 9.1	15,830 8.3	16,090 7.7	16,260 7.1	16,180 8.5	15,870 9.0
Choctaw	6,618 13.8	7,481 14.9	7,070 14.6	6,980 14.6	6,860 13.1	7,060 18.7	6,800 10.5	6,860 9.3	6,920 8.2	6,970 7.9	7,070 7.9	7,000 7.6	7,070 8.0	7,010 8.8	6,940 9.0
Clarke	11,033 10.0	11,363 11.4	11,570 12.0	11,590 11.9	11,520 11.8	11,480 17.8	11,290 10.1	11,390 9.7	11,380 9.5	11,490 9.3	11,440 9.6	11,550 10.0	11,830 11.7	11,850 12.3	11,810 13.7
Clay	6,356 11.0	6,358 15.0	6,110 8.5	6,220 11.2	6,130 10.9	6,260 20.8	6,120 9.4	6,150 9.3	6,030 9.1	6,160 8.5	6,160 7.2	6,240 6.3	6,550 5.9	6,450 5.5	6,410 6.9
Cleburne	5,750 9.2	5,719 8.8	5,680 7.1	5,630 7.8	5,490 8.1	5,310 12.4	5,320 7.9	5,400 7.5	5,260 7.2	5,290 7.7	5,250 6.6	5,330 5.9	5,410 6.7	5,360 6.3	5,320 6.7
Coffee	17,103 7.2	17,625 8.8	17,260 9.5	17,000 9.4	16,950 9.0	17,070 7.6	17,310 7.1	17,610 6.6	17,470 6.1	17,470 5.9	17,750 6.0	18,070 5.8	18,220 6.2	17,850 5.9	17,380 5.7
Colbert	24,147 13.4	24,628 13.9	24,500 14.3	24,360 15.1	24,340 14.6	23,940 12.7	23,800 10.8	24,200 10.8	24,010 9.8	23,970 9.6	24,040 9.2	24,290 8.8	24,400 8.6	24,040 8.2	24,180 9.3
Conecuh	6,309 10.9	6,458 16.0	6,380 19.5	6,360 20.9	6,390 23.1	6,610 25.4	6,140 17.3	6,200 17.2	6,010 16.6	5,970 14.9	5,880 13.1	5,890 12.4	5,940 12.0	5,890 12.6	5,830 12.0
Coosa	4,591 7.6	4,760 8.0	4,680 6.3	4,860 7.3	4,810 6.7	4,750 7.0	4,780 5.4	4,850 5.8	4,820 5.6	4,870 5.3	4,880 5.2	4,910 5.0	4,960 4.6	4,960 5.6	4,900 4.9
Covington	17,005 9.8	17,224 10.7	17,310 10.3	17,340 10.5	17,270 10.2	17,250 9.4	17,460 8.0	17,710 7.3	17,600 6.7	17,750 6.8	17,690 6.5	17,920 6.4	18,430 6.3	18,080 7.4	17,860 7.4
Crenshaw	6,071 8.8	6,187 9.0	6,180 9.5	6,080 9.7	6,210 14.8	6,260 18.0	6,180 9.0	6,380 9.3	6,240 8.6	6,180 9.2	6,200 8.6	6,390 7.2	6,560 8.2	6,410 8.6	6,300 9.5
Cullman	30,434 9.7	31,390 9.4	31,160 9.8	30,830 9.9	30,890 10.2	30,900 9.5	31,320 8.5	31,730 7.8	31,460 7.5	31,430 7.7	31,660 7.6	32,110 7.0	32,510 6.7	31,870 6.8	31,480 7.4
Dale	15,873 9.2	16,753 10.1	16,730 8.7	16,560 9.2	16,810 10.1	16,730 9.2	16,800 8.1	16,990 7.5	16,980 7.3	17,210 7.9	17,380 7.7	17,670 7.5	17,920 7.8	17,730 7.5	17,450 6.8
Dallas	22,255 14.6	23,022 15.9	22,220 16.8	22,060 16.0	21,750 14.7	21,590 13.9	22,120 16.6	22,240 16.3	22,230 16.2	22,230 15.9	22,000 15.1	22,090 14.6	21,910 13.7	21,240 12.7	21,020 12.4
DeKalb	27,295 10.5	28,748 10.0	28,390 9.5	28,360 10.9	28,450 11.3	28,230 11.0	28,550 8.6	29,110 7.9	29,070 7.4	29,350 7.2	29,530 6.8	29,670 6.5	29,810 7.0	29,360 6.4	29,040 7.0
Elmore	20,131 7.4	21,013 6.9	21,090 6.8	21,070 7.2	20,900 6.6	20,880 6.3	20,990 5.9	21,360 6.0	21,590 6.0	21,560 6.0	21,590 5.8	21,650 5.8	21,740 5.6	21,610 5.3	21,590 5.3
Escambia	16,662 10.0	17,061 11.5	16,750 12.7	16,770 13.8	16,590 13.7	16,900 17.2	16,290 11.2	16,300 10.4	16,480 10.1	16,570 9.4	16,640 9.4	16,590 8.8	16,510 9.2	16,410 8.9	16,230 9.4
Etowah	42,011 10.4	43,954 13.0	43,350 11.8	43,270 12.8	42,930 13.1	42,880 13.0	42,530 10.2	42,760 9.8	42,720 9.1	43,030 8.8	43,150 8.0	43,250 7.8	43,110 7.6	42,940 7.2	42,900 7.8
Fayette	8,183 14.3	8,028 13.8	7,910 13.0	7,840 12.1	7,840 12.9	7,720 12.6	7,750 11.6	7,830 11.4	7,700 10.3	7,620 10.3	7,710 10.2	7,840 10.1	7,830 10.1	7,740 8.9	7,720 8.9
Franklin	14,928 13.8	15,310 13.6	14,880 12.1	15,340 14.6	15,190 13.9	15,020 13.2	15,100 10.7	15,250 10.1	15,340 9.4	15,280 8.9	15,160 7.3	15,280 7.6	15,350 8.9	15,390 9.7	15,330 10.9
Geneva	10,747 9.5	11,047 8.5	10,650 7.5	10,460 8.4	10,370 8.4	10,510 8.2	10,650 7.2	10,880 6.1	10,950 6.0	10,850 5.4	10,870 5.3	11,090 5.1	11,290 5.6	10,830 5.8	10,420 5.2
Greene	3,801 17.7	3,733 15.9	3,760 17.1	3,760 17.3	3,760 17.0	3,900 19.7	3,720 13.9	3,760 13.3	3,770 18.0	3,790 17.6	3,830 17.6	3,850 16.6	3,840 15.7	3,780 13.3	3,700 12.6
Hale	5,783 11.5	5,986 10.7	6,060 11.2	6,070 11.4	6,050 9.8	6,140 10.1	6,190 8.4	6,280 7.7	6,280 9.8	6,110 7.9	6,210 6.8	6,410 7.8	6,400 7.0	6,280 7.1	6,220 8.6
Henry	6,683 10.8	6,631 9.7	6,410 7.9	6,370 8.2	6,350 7.7	6,410 7.4	6,710 7.6	6,900 7.2	6,720 6.8	6,670 7.2	6,780 6.6	7,050 6.4	7,050 5.8	6,900 6.3	6,680 6.1
Houston	37,718 7.6	39,734 8.3	40,050 7.7	39,400 7.7	39,520 7.5	39,560 7.1	39,960 6.5	40,410 6.0	40,460 5.9	40,630 5.6	40,940 5.2	41,670 5.2	41,910 4.6	41,600 4.7	41,410 5.0
Jackson	20,381 12.4	20,968 14.7	20,710 12.0	20,730 13.1	20,720 12.6	20,600 10.9	20,660 9.3	20,890 9.2	20,800 10.3	20,560 9.8	20,790 9.4	21,050 8.8	21,660 8.7	21,360 8.2	21,250 8.7
Jefferson	318,469 6.8	335,634 7.7	337,320 8.0	335,860 8.5	336,480 8.7	335,270 7.6	338,280 6.8	340,460 6.3	344,870 6.3	345,930 6.7	345,860 6.2	348,310 6.1	348,350 5.9	346,170 5.8	345,910 5.6
Lamar	8,807 8.1	8,856 8.9	8,810 8.7	8,920 8.9	8,950 9.3	8,900 8.2	8,830 6.7	8,970 6.6	9,030 6.7	9,050 7.6	8,980 6.4	8,870 6.0	8,980 6.4	8,940 5.9	8,810 5.0
Lauderdale	36,244 10.9	37,027 11.6	36,290 10.6	36,080 11.5	36,120 11.1	36,030 10.3	35,760 8.4	36,270 8.1	36,470 8.3	36,550 8.5	36,590 7.8	36,840 7.1	37,040 7.0	36,680 7.0	36,440 7.1
Lawrence	12,615 12.8	12,632 14.6	12,150 14.9	12,040 15.9	12,070 15.9	12,170 16.1	12,100 13.6	12,380 13.5	12,210 12.7	12,120 13.3	12,060 11.5	12,220 10.5	12,320 10.3	12,180 12.1	11,860 11.8

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Type of Activity	Annual		1986	1987											
	1985	1986	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	37,526 6.9	38,124 7.7	37,430 6.5	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2	36,740 5.8	36,650 5.9	36,680 5.3	36,990 4.6	37,780 4.6	37,780 4.5	37,080 4.9
Limestone	26,997 7.2	29,806 8.9	29,730 8.0	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0	29,280 6.4	29,370 7.6	29,670 5.9	30,430 5.6	30,680 5.4	30,550 5.6	29,740 5.8
Lowndes	4,686 14.5	4,525 15.8	4,580 16.0	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,560 16.6	4,800 23.6	4,620 24.7	4,660 23.7	4,750 22.3	4,970 21.0	5,130 20.3	5,030 18.5	4,860 17.8
Macon	10,416 8.3	10,693 9.0	10,650 8.5	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6	10,790 7.0	10,930 7.7	10,930 7.4	10,900 7.1	10,880 6.9	10,810 7.0	10,730 6.9
Madison	117,702 6.0	126,253 7.2	127,930 7.2	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3	129,660 5.1	130,410 5.3	130,410 4.6	131,670 4.6	132,640 4.7	131,710 4.5	131,830 4.5
Marengo	9,828 10.3	10,045 11.1	9,970 10.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1	9,800 8.7	9,940 8.4	9,840 7.6	9,780 7.4	9,830 7.0	9,950 6.9	10,060 7.4	9,920 7.5	9,810 7.4
Marion	15,258 13.9	16,083 14.3	15,610 15.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1	15,230 10.9	15,400 10.1	15,530 9.8	15,600 10.8	15,670 9.2	15,560 7.9	15,710 7.9	15,510 8.4	15,540 10.5
Marshall	35,583 8.7	37,011 11.8	36,420 10.4	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,270 10.2	36,320 8.5	37,080 8.1	37,140 7.8	37,420 7.4	37,300 6.8	37,600 6.5	38,020 6.8	37,570 7.3	37,540 8.3
Mobile	166,284 9.5	172,880 11.1	171,770 10.7	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6	175,080 9.8	175,160 9.8	174,170 9.5	175,580 9.5	175,240 9.9	173,190 9.1	172,220 9.2
Monroe	9,142 13.5	9,649 13.3	9,650 15.1	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7	9,700 11.2	9,530 9.0	9,700 9.3	9,780 8.2	9,890 9.3	9,800 9.6	9,690 10.0
Montgomery	92,439 7.0	97,695 7.6	97,830 7.4	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9	100,300 6.6	100,220 6.7	100,350 6.5	100,270 6.2	101,040 6.3	100,700 6.3	100,290 6.0
Morgan	43,439 8.1	45,825 10.0	45,670 9.7	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1	45,700 8.9	46,640 9.9	46,680 8.1	47,360 8.7	47,160 8.0	46,950 7.2	47,160 7.3	46,970 8.5	46,750 7.5
Perry	5,283 12.9	5,444 12.9	5,500 20.3	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7	5,460 9.7	5,710 10.4	5,590 9.9	5,500 10.2	5,550 10.1	5,570 13.3	5,660 9.8	5,500 10.9	5,450 17.6
Pickens	7,008 15.3	7,558 14.7	7,520 15.5	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1	7,240 11.6	7,450 11.6	7,380 11.1	7,350 10.5	7,440 10.6	7,590 9.0	7,670 8.7	7,470 8.6	7,360 9.4
Pike	11,773 7.9	12,612 8.6	12,210 9.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3	12,640 7.0	12,880 7.0	12,870 7.1	12,530 7.1	12,540 7.1	13,070 6.5	13,230 6.2	13,070 6.0	12,270 6.4
Randolph	8,875 9.6	9,424 9.2	9,430 7.5	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8	9,390 6.1	9,420 6.1	9,320 6.6	9,100 8.3	9,340 7.2	9,450 6.6	9,730 5.8	9,620 5.2	9,590 5.7
Russell	22,271 9.8	22,641 9.6	22,700 9.2	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3	22,520 8.1	22,590 7.5	22,790 7.0	22,500 6.6	22,720 6.6	22,780 6.2	22,780 5.9	22,760 5.8	23,300 9.0
St. Clair	19,778 8.4	20,610 8.4	20,610 8.1	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2	20,630 6.8	20,870 6.8	20,950 5.7	20,820 5.4	20,850 5.1	20,980 4.9	21,080 5.2	21,050 5.5	21,080 5.5
Shelby	35,602 6.8	37,153 6.8	37,340 7.0	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5	37,250 5.4	37,810 5.6	38,330 5.9	38,110 5.2	38,040 4.7	38,320 4.5	38,350 4.4	38,240 4.6	38,290 4.6
Sumter	6,143 13.8	6,243 21.0	5,800 17.2	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1	5,710 13.1	5,740 11.6	5,660 14.2	5,730 14.1	5,760 13.6	5,890 10.7	6,040 11.4	5,820 11.9	5,610 12.1
Talladega	31,462 13.2	32,143 12.4	32,170 11.9	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4	32,040 10.4	32,330 9.7	32,710 9.6	32,590 9.1	32,490 8.7	32,580 8.2	32,810 8.3	32,580 8.6	32,410 8.4
Tallapoosa	18,028 8.4	19,101 8.0	19,110 6.5	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8	19,190 6.8	19,520 7.6	19,930 6.7	19,650 6.4	19,690 6.1	19,750 5.8	19,780 5.6	19,740 5.8	19,780 5.6
Tuscaloosa	64,304 6.8	68,450 7.7	69,250 7.5	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4	69,800 6.3	70,010 6.6	69,020 6.3	69,050 6.3	70,360 5.8	71,430 5.4	72,070 5.2	71,920 5.2	71,740 5.3
Walker	28,188 11.6	30,633 15.2	29,760 12.5	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4	30,050 12.0	30,220 11.5	30,380 10.8	29,960 9.6	30,020 9.4	30,250 9.3	30,280 9.2	30,240 9.5	30,140 9.1
Washington	5,826 15.1	5,594 19.4	5,530 20.3	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5	5,650 23.2	5,160 15.2	5,200 14.2	5,130 13.9	5,080 12.8	5,070 12.0	5,250 11.2	5,420 12.0	5,360 11.1	5,340 11.6
Wilcox	4,341 15.7	4,402 16.8	4,330 14.7	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4	4,270 13.5	4,340 13.8	4,440 14.3	4,370 13.6	4,320 14.0	4,330 14.8	4,420 13.5	4,450 12.3	4,320 11.2	4,260 11.4
Winston	10,344 17.5	10,288 21.1	9,990 20.0	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,830 20.5	9,710 14.9	9,810 13.2	9,870 12.6	9,890 11.9	10,040 11.1	9,990 10.2	10,170 10.6	9,870 10.5	9,810 11.5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (*$1,000*)	774,985	707,055	42,325	57,440	54,801	80,872	54,600	41,489	55,801	51,975	79,428	45,683	75,554	48,505	......
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	13,402	14,193	1,040	893	427	1,068	631	409	1,093	686	980	529	710	705	......
Exports															
Value (*$1,000*)	602,564	765,872	90,380	110,165	87,135	113,029	75,064	41,489	65,837	56,402	58,246	53,599	82,252	69,796	......
Shipping weight (*1,000,000 lbs.*)	22,799	22,134	2,134	1,836	1,936	2,812	2,109	865	1,803	1,562	1,480	1,370	1,940	1,877	......
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] (*1,000 tons*)	38,242	38,701	3,387	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	......
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	25,020	26,789	2,112	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141
Gasoline sales[7] (*1,000 gallons*)	1,881,466	2,012,114	184,455	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	......
New passenger car registrations[8] (*number*)	153,540	159,481	12,133	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to January 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[6] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving though private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[7] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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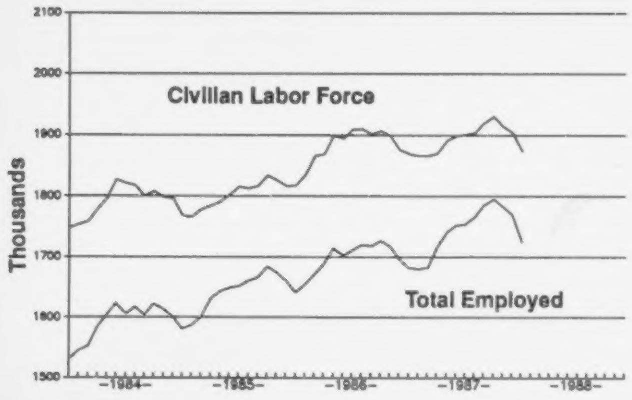

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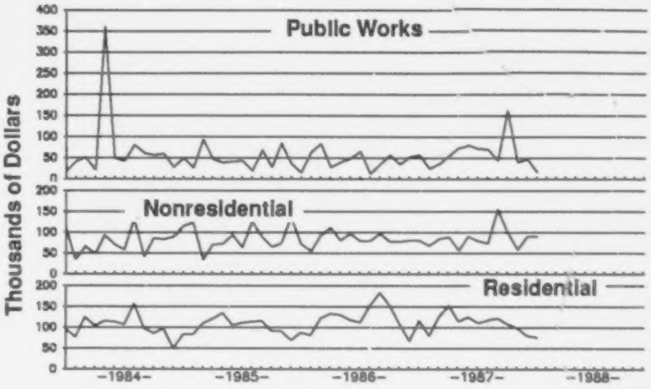

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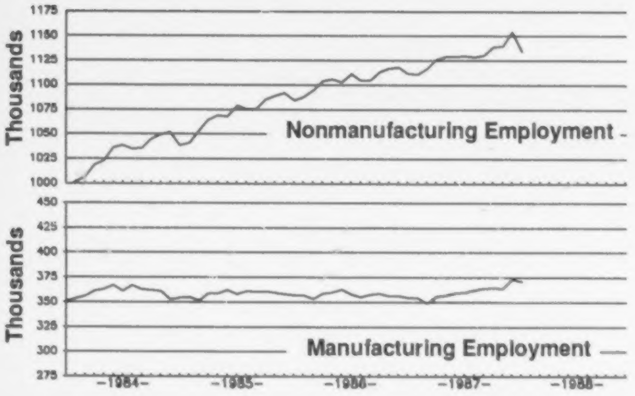

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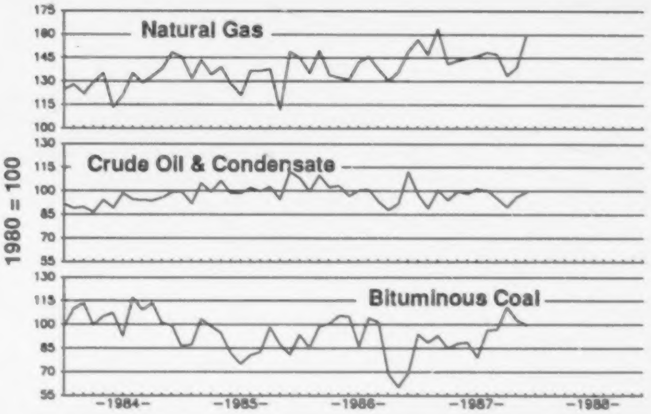

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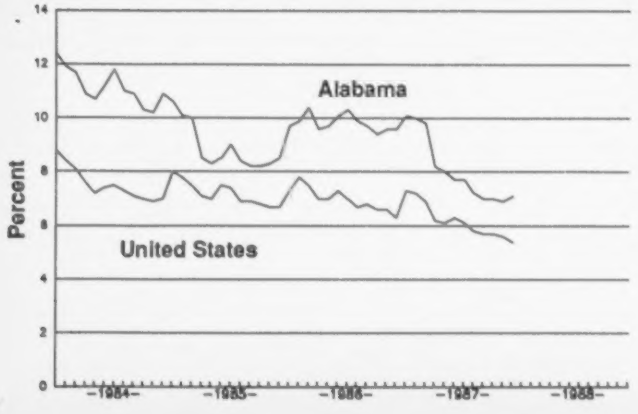

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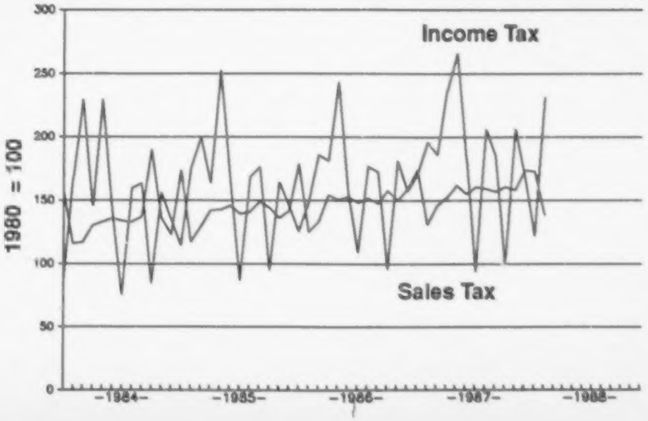

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TOURISM IN ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT

Gil Gilder

The Black Belt, a continuous low valley across Central Alabama, has a rich soil and was historically the cotton belt of Alabama. The western part, also known as the "cane-break," is the subject of this article.

This region is one of a handful of identifiable geographic areas of Southern heritage and culture. The River Road on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and the Carolina Low Country between Savannah and Charleston are also such areas. The Smokey Mountains are an identifiable area of Appalachian heritage in the same sense.

The Alabama Black Belt was the South of "Gone With The Wind" as much as any area in the southeast and because of this identification it has great potential as a tourist area.

The assets of the Black Belt are:

- Southern Heritage
  - -- Antebellum homes and mansions
  - -- Antebellum public and civic buildings including parts of some towns and in other places entire towns
  - -- A reservoir of people (for now) who remember old crafts, customs and ways
- A lovely countryside which includes hills, forests, pastures, fields, fence rows, swamps, rivers, and lakes
- A mild climate which permits outdoor activity most of the year
- Recreation opportunities
  - -- Hunting deer, turkey, quail, or raccoon
  - -- Fishing for bass, or catfish
  - -- Boating, floating
  - -- Horseback, or buggy riding

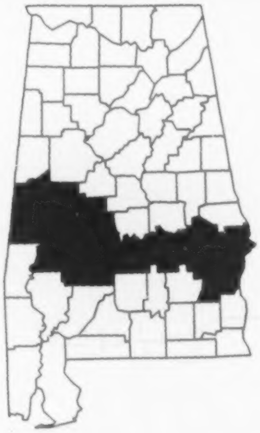
There are, of course, some specific deficits in the region, principally a lack of lodging and dining facilities and the distance to major population centers. However, the greatest overall drawback is the fact that none of the assets alone is of sufficient magnitude to fuel a tourism industry. No one mansion, no one lake is a big enough draw by itself.

What must be developed is a means to combine these assets into one package and to present (recreate) the experience of being in the "Old South," particularly the "Old Rural South." This goes far beyond walking through a furnished but otherwise empty antebellum mansion.

Williamsburg, the premier recreation of the past in the U.S., augments its buildings with craftsmen, costumed guides, pageants, gardens, period cuisine, etc. In a like manner the entire Black Belt or a portion of it might be viewed as an immense Williamsburg.

By restoring certain buildings or parts of towns, reviving working crafts and plantations, acquiring easements for horse and buggy roads, and judiciously planning bus routes, an area could be created in which a visitor could experience being in the Old South.

ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT



Square Miles 10,022

1988 Total Population 501,260
Percent White 48%
Percent Nonwhite 52%

1985 Per Capita Income
County Range .. $4,646 to $9,757

Major Industry .... Manufacturing

The best way to develop the tourism industry in the Black Belt might be through private initiative, starting on a relatively small scale and using established tour groups.

The first step would be to ascertain whether there are tours passing near the Black Belt presently or if tours could be arranged on the condition that certain amenities in lodging, dining, and entertainment be provided.

A minimum for a half day overnight stop would entail: lodging in a restored hotel or home or an inn built in an authentic manner; a restaurant serving good regional cooking; a nearby plantation and/or antebellum mansion to visit in the afternoon or evening, serving refreshments and preferably reached by buggy. There would be some period entertainment at night.

Initial expectations might be for handling 35 to 45 persons a night and employing relatively few resources. As the feasibility and profitability of entertaining tours becomes evident, some means of coordinating the activities of the various persons interested in Black Belt tourism should be put in place--perhaps an incorporated association which would include both the private sector (businessmen, land owners) and the local governments.

The focus of this organization would be to plan for the overall development of tourism in the entire area and to maintain a high quality in the facilities and activities developed. As more dining and lodging places, restored homes and buildings, and period activities are added, the length of stay can be extended to two or three nights. Eventually the Black Belt will become a final destination and not a stop along the way. ☐

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CPI CHANGES

Beginning with this issue of ***Alabama Business***, the Consumer Price Index and the Producer Price Index have been changed to new reference base years.

The CPI will now use expenditure weights based on three years (1982-84 = 100) of the Consumer Expenditure Survey. The PPI has been rebased to 1982 = 100.

For further information on rebased historical indexes or rebasing factors, contact the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (404) 347-4418. ☐

FOREIGN TRADE SERIES CHANGES

For many years ***Alabama Business*** has been publishing data about foreign trade through the Port of Mobile. This issue begins a new series, and the old series is being dropped.

The new series reports foreign trade for all customs districts within Alabama. Please notice that this series does *not* answer the question, "How much exporting and importing is done by Alabama businesses?" Any business from out of state could choose to use a customs district within Alabama. Likewise, an Alabama firm could choose a port in a neighboring state through which to conduct its import or export transactions.

The new series reports exports on F.A.S. value basis. This is the value (free alongside ship) at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price. The transaction price includes freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the site of export.That is, F.A.S. value includes the costs to get the product *to* the ship (producing it and transporting it to the ship) but does *not* include the costs of the ocean (or air) transportation.

The new series reports imports on C.I.F. value. C.I.F. value is customs value, insurance, freight, and other charges, excluding duties. That is, C.I.F. value *does* include the cost of the ocean voyage.

Note that C.I.F. value and customs import value are different. The customs import value is the price actually paid or payable for merchandise when sold for exportation to the United States. This price would not include duties, freight, and other charges.

Foreign trade deficits are calculated according to F.A.S. and C.I.F. values. ☐

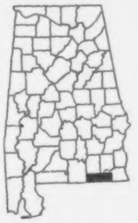
RETAIL TRADE SERIES RESUMES

After an absence of one year the Alabama Retail Trade Series reappears in this issue of ***Alabama Business***. The May 1987 issue contained annual and monthly data for the year 1986. This issue contains annual and monthly data for 1987 and revised figures for 1986.

Users should note that sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Therefore, each issue will show revised data for each county. ☐

The Economy in Perspective:

FOCUS ON GENEVA COUNTY



Jeffrey Hollingshead

Geneva County was created by the Alabama Legislature on December 26, 1868 from parts of Dale, Henry, and Coffee Counties. The county is located in extreme southeast Alabama and has an area of approximately 640 square miles. The incorporated places in the county are Geneva with a population of 4,740, Hartford 2,640, Samson 2,250, Slocomb 2,310, Malvern 650, Coffee Springs 340, Eunola 170, and Black with a population of 150.

Geneva, the county seat, was founded around 1830 by Henry Yonge and his half brother Walter Yonge. It was named by Henry Yonge's wife, whose hometown was Geneva, New York. The county was later named for the city.

Geneva County's population numbers 24,916 with 21,566 white and the balance nonwhite, according to 1988 UA/CBER projections. This shows a 2.7 percent increase from the 1980 Census. Demographics for the county show that 23.6 percent of the population is below the working age of 16, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, with 60 percent of working age. This leaves 16.4 percent of the population beyond retirement age. These figures approximate the state average

GENEVA COUNTY

1988 Population	24,916
County Seat	Geneva
1985 Per Capita Income	$7,972
1988 Nonwhite Population	13.4%
1985 Household Income	$12,843
1980 Major Industry	Manufacturing
1987 Unemployment Rate	6.2%

Slightly more than half of the population is female as of 1980. Of those 25 years and older, 46 percent are high school graduates. Though below the state average, this shows a tremendous increase from 32 percent in 1970, with continued increases expected.

Another recent Census Bureau report shows Geneva County per capita income at $7,972 and household income at $21,843, both numbers just slightly below the state average. The state's and the county's unemployment rates have been decreasing since 1982, with the county having the lower rate for the most part.

A breakdown of employed persons 16 and over by industry shows a full one-third employed in the manufacturing industry. Retail trade, as well as professional services, each employ an additional 12 percent of the work force.

The majority of the companies in the county are manufacturers of apparel and other nondurable goods. Clinton Mills of Geneva, Inc. operates two plants in Geneva with a combined employment of about 600 people. Van Heusen Co., Inc. also operates two plants, one in Geneva and one in Hartford, with a combined employment of about 900 people. Other large employers in the apparel industry are Covington Industries and Dale Sportswear.

Reliable Metal Products, Inc. is a manufacturer of tools, dies, and solar collectors with an employment of about 250. Fleming Foods, a wholesaler, located in Geneva, employs about 600 people. Other products manufactured in Geneva County are concrete, aluminum products, plastic pipe, animal feeds, fertilizers, and custom trailers.

Agriculture, once the major characteristic of Geneva County, still plays an important role in the local economy. The value of agricultural products sold in Geneva County in 1982 was over $44 million dollars. Major agricultural products are peanuts, cattle, hogs, broilers, vegetables, corn, soybeans and milo.

Geneva County is serviced by three newspapers: the Geneva County Reaper, the News-Herald, and the Samson Ledger. Geneva is also the location of WGEA radio.

The closest institutions of higher learning are Wallace State Community College in Dothan and Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, both less than 30 miles from Geneva.

Montgomery is about 120 miles to the north and Mobile 150 miles to the west. The county has 153 miles of state and federal highways. The nearest airport is the Dothan-Houston County Municipal Airport.

The county offers many recreational opportunities. The Covington Wildlife Management area and other forest lands offer opportunities for quail, wild turkey and other game. Two major rivers, the Choctawhatchee and the Pea, flow through the county and there are several lakes.

Geneva County's leaders face the difficult task of continuing economic development while maintaining the natural environment so long a characteristic of this county. ☐

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MEDIAN INCOME FOR 4-PERSON FAMILIES BY STATE, 1982-86

STATE	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
United States	$27,619	$29,184	$31,097	$32,777	$34,716
Alabama	$24,181	$25,117	$26,595	$28,407	$29,799
Alaska	$31,823	$38,238	$44,017	$42,897	$41,292
Arizona	$29,835	$27,551	$29,431	$32,129	$33,477
Arkansas	$20,710	$21,524	$23,075	$26,255	$27,157
California	$29,885	$31,967	$33,711	$36,223	$37,655
Colorado	$30,663	$32,294	$34,154	$35,214	$36,026
Connecticut	$35,361	$37,703	$39,070	$40,677	$44,330
Delaware	$30,498	$31,676	$33,809	$34,104	$35,766
District of Columbia	$26,897	$28,701	$31,104	$32,610	$35,424
Florida	$25,745	$25,455	$28,858	$31,364	$33,368
Georgia	$26,935	$27,463	$29,623	$31,907	$34,602
Hawaii	$30,019	$31,614	$33,445	$34,636	$36,618
Idaho	$23,529	$24,009	$25,499	$27,383	$27,075
Illinois	$29,758	$30,736	$33,126	$34,374	$36,163
Indiana	$26,123	$26,924	$30,302	$31,369	$32,026
Iowa	$26,129	$25,800	$28,650	$29,425	$30,556
Kansas	$23,956	$27,569	$30,330	$31,114	$32,512
Kentucky	$23,732	$24,096	$25,815	$27,307	$28,464
Louisiana	$27,165	$27,953	$28,430	$29,910	$29,614
Maine	$23,036	$24,178	$26,237	$28,537	$31,297
Maryland	$32,456	$35,475	$38,132	$40,055	$42,250
Massachusetts	$30,327	$33,990	$36,731	$39,079	$42,295
Michigan	$28,125	$29,472	$32,365	$33,908	$36,088
Minnesota	$28,666	$30,785	$33,807	$34,376	$36,746
Mississippi	$22,247	$21,957	$23,660	$25,716	$26,763
Missouri	$26,035	$27,789	$30,050	$31,414	$33,149
Montana	$24,965	$25,278	$26,072	$27,999	$29,190
Nebraska	$25,372	$26,100	$28,752	$30,655	$31,484
Nevada	$28,411	$34,504	$31,059	$32,314	$33,604
New Hampshire	$28,810	$30,414	$33,255	$35,702	$39,503
New Jersey	$32,781	$36,448	$39,096	$40,800	$44,591
New Mexico	$23,642	$23,906	$25,468	$27,127	$27,474
New York	$28,730	$30,539	$32,665	$34,478	$36,796
North Carolina	$24,085	$25,363	$27,995	$30,290	$31,787
North Dakota	$26,361	$26,327	$28,901	$28,993	$29,424
Ohio	$27,100	$28,305	$30,779	$33,478	$34,038
Oklahoma	$27,461	$27,169	$28,856	$29,050	$29,071
Oregon	$25,988	$26,404	$28,633	$30,741	$31,392
Pennsylvania	$27,209	$28,274	$29,573	$32,265	$32,700
Rhode Island	$28,170	$29,167	$32,066	$34,154	$35,837
South Carolina	$23,490	$25,756	$27,810	$29,417	$31,025
South Dakota	$22,009	$23,998	$25,391	$26,153	$27,008
Tennessee	$23,875	$24,081	$26,603	$27,917	$29,568
Texas	$28,581	$29,290	$31,031	$32,189	$32,442
Utah	$25,877	$25,678	$27,497	$29,634	$30,635
Vermont	$23,797	$25,441	$26,645	$30,019	$32,490
Virginia	$28,528	$31,451	$33,480	$35,353	$37,885
Washington	$29,972	$30,185	$31,585	$32,791	$35,071
West Virginia	$22,425	$22,153	$25,316	$26,170	$27,094
Wisconsin	$27,873	$28,979	$30,622	$32,007	$33,739
Wyoming	$29,582	$28,480	$29,752	$30,741	$28,742

Source: Developed by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services. For further information contact Dan Burkhead in the Population Division at (301) 763-5060. □

NEWS BRIEFS

Voting Age Population

Alabama's voting age population is expected to total 3,010,000 by November 1, 1988, according to Census Bureau projections. This figure shows an increase of 4.7 percent since 1984 and 7.0 percent since 1980.

The nation's voting age population is expected to reach 183 million by November, up more than eight million from November 1984.

In Alabama, voting age population growth continues to be concentrated among persons aged 25 to 44, who were born at the height of the baby boom. This age group will have increased by 16.2 percent since 1982 and should total some 1.3 million by November. Their share of the voting age population will have grown to 42.4 percent, up from 39.1 percent in 1980.

The voting age population aged 65 and over in Alabama will have grown by 11 percent since 1982, increasing their numbers to 516,000 and their share from 16.5 percent to 17.1 percent of the total. Those aged 45 to 64 in Alabama will have grown by only 20,000, their share dropping from 26.5 percent to 25.2 percent.

The number of persons aged 18 to 24 will have declined by more than 50,000 since 1982 and will comprise only 15.0 percent of the voting age population in Alabama this November, down from 17.9 percent.

Alabama's voting age population is 53 percent female and 75.6 percent white with a median age of 40.6 years.

Comparatively, the U.S. voting age population is 52.2 percent female and 78.6 percent white with a median age of 40.5 years.

For more information see *Projections of the Population of Voting Age, for States: November 1988.* Series P-25, No. 1019, available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, or from a government documents depository library. □

Average Annual Pay, 1986

The average annual pay of workers in Alabama covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance was $17,638 in 1986, a 3.6 percent increase over 1985, according to preliminary data recently released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Nationwide, the U.S. average annual pay was $19,966. Alaska had the highest of any state at $28,442. The District of Columbia was next with $27,137, followed by New York ($23,200). South Dakota had the lowest average annual pay level ($14,477), followed by Mississippi ($15,420) and North Dakota ($15,778). Alabama ranked 26th among the states.

Average annual pay in Alabama varied widely by industry. Workers in the mining industry, which includes oil and gas extraction, earned the highest pay ($31,756). The transportation, communications, and public utilities sector was next ($24,368), followed by wholesale trade ($20,897), finance, insurance, and real estate ($19,835), manufacturing ($19,798), and government ($19,282).

The largest percentage gain in Alabama occurred in the service industry where average annual pay rose to $15,975, a 6.1 percent increase over 1985. Construction showed the smallest gain as it rose 1.4 percent to $17,450. □

Poverty Thresholds In 1987

(Preliminary Estimate)

Size of Family Unit	**Estimated Threshold**
1 person (Unrelated individual)	$ 5,776
Under 65 years	5,909
65 years and over	5,447
2 persons	$ 7,399
Householder under 65 years	7,641
Householder 65 years and over	6,872
3 persons	$ 9,056
4 persons	11,612
5 persons	13,743
6 persons	15,534
7 persons	17,672
8 persons	19,478
9 persons or more	23,319

Note: These estimates may differ by a few dollars from the thresholds that will be published in the advance report on the 1987 poverty population which are scheduled to be published later this year.

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233. □

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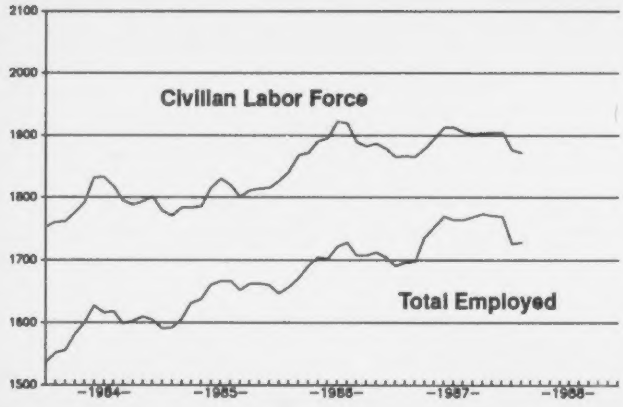
ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT



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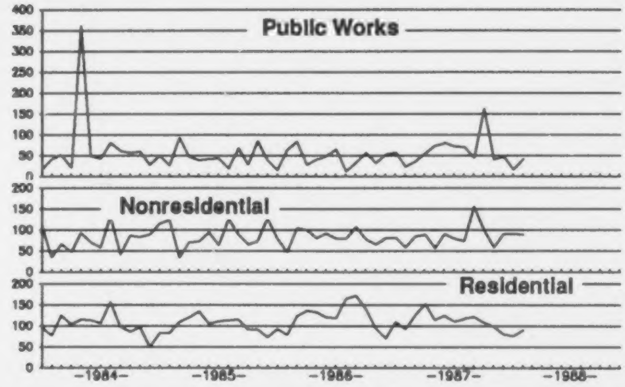

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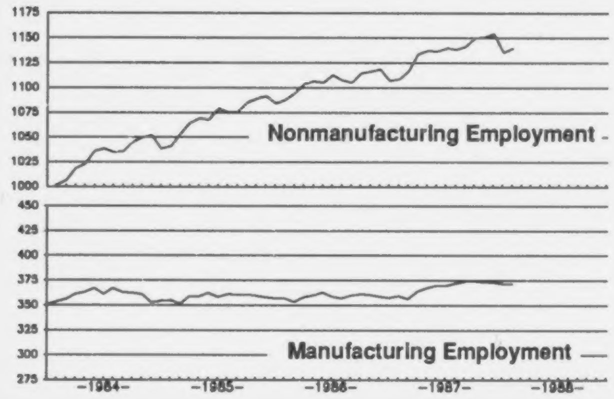

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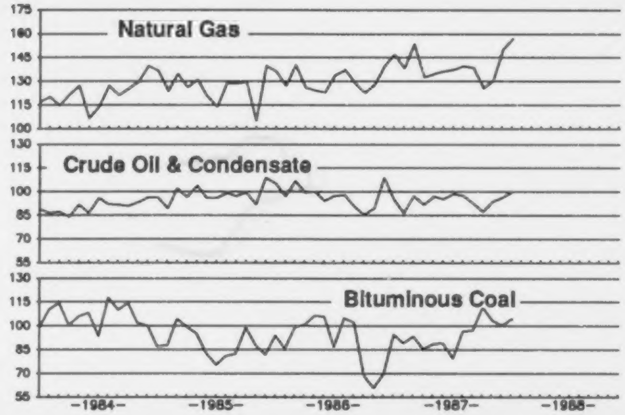

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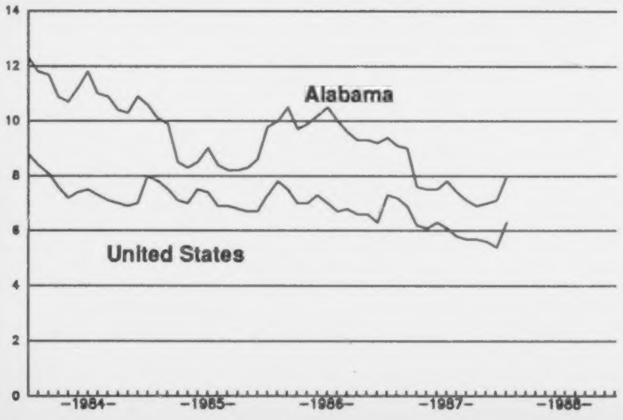

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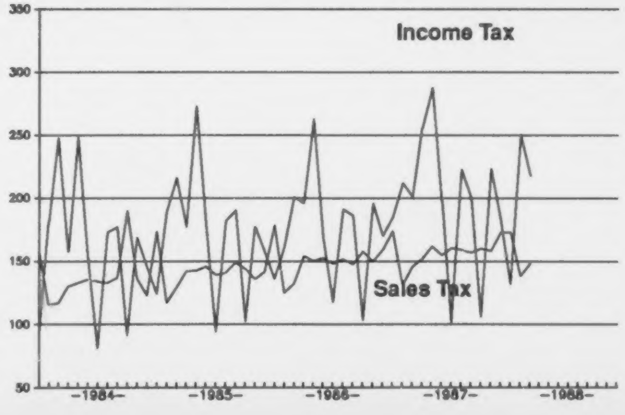

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS
FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,895	24,870	2,077	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	146,936	155,990	13,776	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,067	14,686
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	419,377	483,311	42,579	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,821
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,399	20,621	1,734	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,314	24,675	1,865	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,485	6,904	590	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,984,600	3,147,400	248,700	171,300	247,900	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400
Residential	1,453,200	1,364,900	110,400	93,500	126,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500
Nonresidential	995,300	1,021,700	81,700	58,200	84,600	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100
Public works and utilities	536,100	764,900	56,600	23,700	36,600	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,334	1,401	85	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	265,163	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813
Franchise	75,088	85,027	965	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	19,169	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	97,096	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	4,054	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	1,953	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	556	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777
Sales	775,708	810,128	74,589	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133
2.2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	14,212	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	3,842	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	5,907	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426	5,958
Use	84,390	88,397	19,291	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618
Utility	160,233	165,984	15,086	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. *(1982-84 = 100)*															
All items	109.6	113.6	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7
Percent change	1.1	4.3	.6	.4	.4	.5	.4	.4	.3	.5	.5	.3	.1	.0	.3
Food	108.9	113.5	112.1	112.5	112.5	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7
Housing	110.8	114.2	112.0	112.4	112.8	113.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	101.1	101.4	101.5	101.3	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	105.6	106.2	109.7	111.5	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4
Transportation	102.3	105.4	102.6	103.1	103.3	104.2	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1
Medical care	122.0	130.1	126.6	127.4	128.1	128.7	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.4
Energy	88.2	88.6	83.9	85.6	85.8	86.4	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1982 = 100)*															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.9	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.1	104.5
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	100.4	100.8	101.1	101.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.1	104.3
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices *(1982-84 = $1.000)*	.912	.880	.899	.896	.892	.887	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864
Wholesale prices *(1982 = $1.000)*	.998	.973	.995	.990	.988	.981	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.961	.957
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[4]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,865.5	1,866.1	1,665.1	1,878.9	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.0
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	174.8	170.1	167.6	142.7	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.6
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	9.4	9.1	9.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.0
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,690.7	1,696.0	1,697.5	1,736.2	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.4
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,464.6	1,467.9	1,473.2	1,497.6	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.1
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	357.6	359.2	356.1	363.7	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	373.4	371.4
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	171.3	172.4	173.0	175.8	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	28.3	28.5	28.9	29.5	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	24.1	24.3	25.0	25.9	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	22.0	21.9	21.8	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	20.4	20.6	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.3	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9
Transportation	27.5	28.0	27.6	27.9	28.3	28.2	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3
Nondurable goods	184.6	190.2	186.3	186.8	183.1	187.9	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2
Food	29.9	31.0	29.9	29.8	29.8	29.7	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	37.9	38.1	37.8	38.3	38.5	39.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2
Apparel	54.3	56.1	54.7	55.0	51.4	56.2	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	21.2	21.2	21.1	20.3	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	16.7	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,107.0	1,108.7	1,117.1	1,133.9	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8
Contract construction	74.9	74.0	69.7	69.3	70.7	73.4	74.2	76.4	76.4	76.6	75.4	76.5	74.5	74.4	70.9
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.7	72.5	71.3	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.1	73.1	72.9	72.6	72.3	72.3	71.8
Trade	319.6	332.0	322.1	319.6	321.9	329.8	332.2	333.5	333.4	334.2	335.0	337.0	340.0	344.8	334.2
Wholesale	77.1	78.4	76.9	77.1	77.7	78.2	78.5	79.2	78.9	78.7	78.9	79.1	78.7	78.9	78.5
Retail	242.5	253.6	245.2	242.5	244.2	251.6	253.7	254.3	254.5	255.5	256.1	257.9	261.3	265.9	255.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	69.1	70.5	69.8	69.7	69.9	70.5	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.3	70.9	70.4	70.0	70.2	69.5
Service and miscellaneous	259.0	274.8	263.3	266.8	270.5	273.9	274.1	276.6	277.5	278.1	279.7	279.4	278.7	278.7	276.1
Government	298.0	299.6	299.4	300.6	300.9	302.3	302.4	294.5	297.5	293.7	295.7	302.3	303.4	302.5	301.7
Federal	64.1	66.0	64.3	64.2	65.0	65.3	65.4	66.2	66.4	66.6	66.5	67.1	67.3	67.2	66.6
State and local	233.9	233.6	235.1	236.4	235.9	237.0	237.0	228.3	231.1	227.1	229.2	235.2	236.1	235.3	235.1

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	21,041	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	....
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	5,721	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	425,763	349,204	60,323	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	....
Payments *($1,000)*	186,826	165,953	20,424	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,694	16,008	15,870	15,960	15,770	15,890	16,160	16,190	16,040	16,050	16,130	16,080	16,010	15,940	15,770
	7.9	7.2	8.9	9.6	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.6	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.6
Baldwin	38,264	38,497	38,370	38,040	39,520	37,990	38,280	38,340	38,320	38,240	38,730	38,600	38,650	38,880	39,450
	8.9	8.1	10.1	9.5	12.6	7.7	7.2	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.6	8.8	8.8
Barbour	11,903	11,963	11,890	11,930	11,850	11,830	11,920	12,050	11,820	11,850	12,040	12,180	12,190	12,010	11,370
	9.5	8.1	9.0	10.4	9.4	9.0	7.9	8.6	7.7	7.2	7.6	7.2	7.1	6.5	7.9
Bibb	7,273	7,261	7,280	7,220	7,120	7,090	7,220	7,280	7,370	7,360	7,380	7,370	7,260	7,180	7,210
	13.3	11.6	16.8	14.7	13.4	10.8	10.9	9.2	10.2	9.4	10.7	9.5	10.4	12.9	14.0
Blount	16,682	16,989	16,840	16,680	17,070	16,980	17,040	17,110	16,890	17,020	17,120	17,000	16,940	17,180	17,820
	9.0	7.8	10.6	9.8	11.0	9.1	8.3	7.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	5.5	5.6	6.9	9.1
Bullock	3,971	3,947	3,840	3,770	3,750	3,800	3,870	3,960	4,020	4,070	4,070	4,150	4,050	4,010	3,780
	17.3	14.3	17.6	15.7	14.1	12.7	11.7	14.2	15.9	15.2	12.9	13.0	13.9	15.2	15.4
Butler	9,382	9,695	9,610	9,630	9,650	9,430	9,640	9,810	9,780	9,730	9,780	9,830	9,730	9,720	9,260
	11.7	10.9	11.8	14.0	13.5	9.3	10.2	10.4	12.2	11.8	10.6	9.2	8.8	8.7	9.9
Calhoun	51,892	52,399	51,850	51,600	51,760	51,420	51,770	52,280	52,550	52,840	52,980	53,410	53,190	53,140	51,900
	9.6	8.1	10.5	10.2	11.2	8.7	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.5	8.0
Chambers	17,241	17,652	17,020	17,000	17,010	17,190	17,360	17,690	17,870	18,070	18,350	18,210	18,090	17,960	17,400
	8.6	6.1	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.9
Cherokee	7,768	8,103	7,770	7,780	7,860	8,040	8,140	8,240	8,130	8,160	8,330	8,470	8,310	8,000	7,950
	13.5	8.9	12.0	12.0	17.3	9.7	9.0	8.5	7.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.8	9.2
Chilton	15,723	15,812	15,580	15,630	15,560	15,350	15,780	15,810	15,800	15,830	16,090	16,260	16,180	15,870	15,360
	10.6	9.7	13.9	12.2	11.9	10.1	10.0	8.5	9.1	8.3	7.7	7.1	8.5	9.0	9.8
Choctaw	7,481	6,962	6,980	6,860	7,060	6,800	6,860	6,920	6,970	7,070	7,000	7,070	7,010	6,940	7,060
	14.9	10.3	14.6	13.1	18.7	10.5	9.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.6	8.0	8.8	9.0	9.8
Clarke	11,363	11,552	11,590	11,520	11,480	11,290	11,390	11,380	11,490	11,440	11,550	11,830	11,850	11,810	11,680
	11.4	11.5	11.9	11.8	17.8	10.1	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.0	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.5
Clay	6,358	6,240	6,220	6,130	6,260	6,120	6,150	6,030	6,160	6,160	6,240	6,550	6,450	6,410	6,250
	15.0	9.3	11.2	10.9	20.8	9.4	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.2	6.3	5.9	5.5	6.9	8.3
Cleburne	5,719	5,364	5,630	5,490	5,310	5,320	5,400	5,260	5,290	5,250	5,330	5,410	5,360	5,320	5,430
	8.8	7.6	7.8	8.1	12.4	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.7	6.6	5.9	6.7	6.3	6.7	8.6
Coffee	17,625	17,513	17,000	16,950	17,070	17,310	17,610	17,470	17,470	17,750	18,070	18,220	17,850	17,380	17,610
	8.8	6.8	9.4	9.0	7.6	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.7
Colbert	24,628	24,131	24,360	24,340	23,940	23,800	24,200	24,010	23,970	24,040	24,290	24,400	24,040	24,180	23,430
	13.9	10.6	15.1	14.6	12.7	10.8	10.8	9.8	9.6	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.2	9.3	11.1
Conecuh	6,458	6,093	6,360	6,390	6,610	6,140	6,200	6,010	5,970	5,880	5,890	5,940	5,890	5,830	5,700
	16.0	16.5	20.9	23.1	25.4	17.3	17.2	16.6	14.9	13.1	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.0	12.7
Coosa	4,760	4,863	4,860	4,810	4,750	4,780	4,850	4,820	4,870	4,880	4,910	4,960	4,960	4,900	4,960
	8.0	5.7	7.3	6.7	7.0	5.4	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.6	5.6	4.9	5.7
Covington	17,224	17,697	17,340	17,270	17,250	17,460	17,710	17,600	17,750	17,690	17,920	18,430	18,080	17,860	17,460
	10.7	7.7	10.5	10.2	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	7.4	7.4	8.4
Crenshaw	6,187	6,283	6,080	6,210	6,260	6,180	6,380	6,240	6,180	6,200	6,390	6,560	6,410	6,300	6,470
	9.0	10.1	9.7	14.8	18.0	9.0	9.3	8.6	9.2	8.6	7.2	8.2	8.6	9.5	8.7
Cullman	31,390	31,516	30,830	30,890	30,900	31,320	31,730	31,460	31,430	31,660	32,110	32,510	31,870	31,480	31,410
	9.4	8.1	9.9	10.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.8	7.4	8.8
Dale	16,753	17,186	16,560	16,810	16,730	16,800	16,990	16,980	17,210	17,380	17,670	17,920	17,730	17,450	18,020
	10.1	8.1	9.2	10.1	9.2	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.5	6.8	7.3
Dallas	23,022	21,873	22,060	21,750	21,590	22,120	22,240	22,230	22,230	22,000	22,090	21,910	21,240	21,020	20,570
	15.9	14.8	16.0	14.7	13.9	16.6	16.3	16.2	15.9	15.1	14.6	13.7	12.7	12.4	13.8
DeKalb	28,748	29,044	28,360	28,450	28,230	28,550	29,110	29,070	29,350	29,530	29,670	29,810	29,360	29,040	28,780
	10.0	8.2	10.9	11.3	11.0	8.6	7.9	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.0	6.4	7.0	8.3
Elmore	21,013	21,371	21,070	20,900	20,800	20,990	21,360	21,590	21,560	21,590	21,650	21,740	21,610	21,590	20,950
	6.9	6.0	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.3	6.3
Escambia	17,061	16,523	16,770	16,590	16,900	16,290	16,300	16,480	16,570	16,640	16,590	16,510	16,410	16,230	16,240
	11.5	11.0	13.8	13.7	17.2	11.2	10.4	10.1	9.4	9.4	8.8	9.2	8.9	9.4	10.4
Etowah	43,954	42,956	43,270	42,930	42,880	42,530	42,760	42,720	43,030	43,150	43,250	43,110	42,940	42,900	42,620
	13.0	9.6	12.8	13.1	13.0	10.2	9.8	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.8	9.4
Fayette	8,028	7,762	7,840	7,840	7,720	7,750	7,830	7,700	7,620	7,710	7,840	7,830	7,740	7,720	7,450
	13.8	10.8	12.1	12.9	12.6	11.6	11.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.1	8.9	8.9	10.7
Franklin	15,310	15,253	15,340	15,190	15,020	15,100	15,250	15,340	15,280	15,160	15,280	15,350	15,390	15,330	14,570
	13.6	10.4	14.6	13.9	13.2	10.7	10.1	9.4	8.9	7.3	7.6	8.9	9.7	10.9	13.8
Geneva	11,047	10,764	10,460	10,370	10,510	10,650	10,880	10,950	10,850	10,870	11,090	11,290	10,830	10,420	9,860
	8.5	6.4	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.2	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.8	5.2	6.4
Greene	3,733	3,788	3,760	3,760	3,900	3,720	3,760	3,770	3,790	3,830	3,850	3,840	3,780	3,700	3,720
	15.9	16.1	17.3	17.0	19.7	13.9	13.3	18.0	17.6	17.6	16.6	15.7	13.3	12.6	15.6
Hale	5,986	6,220	6,070	6,050	6,140	6,190	6,280	6,280	6,110	6,210	6,410	6,400	6,280	6,220	6,050
	10.7	8.5	11.4	9.8	10.1	8.4	7.7	9.8	7.9	6.8	7.8	7.0	7.1	8.6	10.1
Henry	6,631	6,716	6,370	6,350	6,410	6,710	6,900	6,720	6,670	6,780	7,050	7,050	6,900	6,680	6,390
	9.7	6.9	8.2	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.4	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
Houston	39,734	40,623	39,400	39,520	39,560	39,960	40,410	40,460	40,630	40,940	41,670	41,910	41,600	41,410	40,520
	8.3	5.9	7.7	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.8
Jackson	20,968	20,923	20,730	20,720	20,600	20,660	20,890	20,800	20,560	20,790	21,050	21,660	21,360	21,250	21,480
	14.7	9.9	13.1	12.6	10.9	9.3	9.2	10.3	9.8	9.4	8.8	8.7	8.2	8.7	10.0
Jefferson	335,634	342,646	335,860	336,480	335,270	338,280	340,460	344,870	345,930	345,860	348,310	348,350	346,170	345,910	334,890
	7.7	6.7	8.5	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.6	6.3
Lamar	8,856	8,936	8,920	8,950	8,900	8,830	8,970	9,030	9,050	8,980	8,870	8,980	8,940	8,810	8,500
	8.9	7.0	8.9	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.6	6.7	7.6	6.4	6.0	6.4	5.9	5.0	7.1
Lauderdale	37,027	36,406	36,080	36,120	36,030	35,760	36,270	36,470	36,550	36,590	36,840	37,040	36,680	36,440	35,820
	11.6	8.5	11.5	11.1	10.3	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.5	7.8	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.1	9.0
Lawrence	12,632	12,144	12,040	12,070	12,170	12,100	12,380	12,210	12,120	12,060	12,220	12,320	12,180	11,860	11,860
	14.6	13.1	15.9	15.9	16.1	13.6	13.5	12.7	13.3	11.5	10.5	10.3	12.1	11.8	14.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	38,124 7.7	37,097 5.7	37,040 7.1	37,050 6.9	36,830 6.6	37,000 6.1	37,540 6.2	36,740 5.8	36,650 5.9	36,680 5.3	36,990 4.6	37,780 4.6	37,780 4.5	37,080 4.9	38,110 5.2
Limestone	29,806 8.9	29,759 6.8	29,720 8.5	29,230 8.2	29,200 8.1	29,370 7.0	29,870 7.0	29,280 6.4	29,370 7.6	29,670 5.9	30,430 5.6	30,680 5.4	30,550 5.6	29,740 5.8	29,900 7.3
Lowndes	4,525 15.8	4,713 20.1	4,350 17.9	4,390 17.5	4,430 16.7	4,560 16.6	4,800 23.6	4,620 24.7	4,660 23.7	4,750 22.3	4,970 21.0	5,130 20.3	5,030 18.5	4,860 17.8	4,630 19.2
Macon	10,693 9.0	10,708 7.0	10,480 7.7	10,430 6.8	10,430 6.6	10,480 5.7	10,700 6.6	10,790 7.0	10,930 7.7	10,930 7.4	10,900 7.1	10,880 6.9	10,810 7.0	10,730 6.9	10,390 8.2
Madison	126,253 7.2	129,395 5.4	126,610 7.0	126,190 6.9	126,360 6.6	126,870 5.7	128,380 5.3	129,660 5.1	130,410 5.3	130,410 4.6	131,670 4.6	132,640 4.7	131,710 4.5	131,830 4.5	130,660 5.5
Marengo	10,045 11.1	9,878 8.7	9,800 10.4	9,730 9.5	10,080 16.1	9,800 8.7	9,940 8.4	9,840 7.6	9,780 7.4	9,830 7.0	9,950 6.9	10,060 7.4	9,920 7.5	9,810 7.4	9,590 8.3
Marion	16,083 14.3	15,513 11.3	15,620 16.9	15,380 15.7	15,400 17.1	15,230 10.9	15,400 10.1	15,530 9.8	15,600 10.8	15,670 9.2	15,560 7.9	15,710 7.9	15,510 8.4	15,540 10.5	15,890 14.0
Marshall	37,011 11.8	37,078 8.3	36,300 10.7	36,380 10.8	36,270 10.2	36,320 8.5	37,080 8.1	37,140 7.8	37,420 7.4	37,300 6.8	37,600 6.5	38,020 6.8	37,570 7.3	37,540 8.3	37,700 9.9
Mobile	172,880 11.1	173,246 10.0	171,770 11.5	171,420 11.5	169,800 10.3	171,920 10.0	173,400 9.6	175,080 9.8	175,160 9.8	174,170 9.5	175,580 9.5	175,240 9.9	173,190 9.1	172,220 9.2	168,910 10.1
Monroe	9,649 13.3	9,737 12.2	9,740 14.3	9,780 14.5	10,070 28.1	9,520 10.8	9,640 11.7	9,700 11.2	9,530 9.0	9,700 9.3	9,780 8.2	9,890 9.3	9,800 9.6	9,690 10.0	9,600 11.0
Montgomery	97,695 7.6	99,330 6.7	97,510 7.5	97,280 7.4	96,980 7.3	97,570 6.6	99,450 6.9	100,300 6.6	100,220 6.7	100,350 6.5	100,270 6.2	101,040 6.3	100,700 6.3	100,290 6.0	99,350 6.3
Morgan	45,825 10.0	46,497 8.8	45,390 10.1	45,360 10.1	45,840 11.1	45,700 8.9	46,640 9.9	46,680 8.1	47,360 8.7	47,160 8.0	46,950 7.2	47,160 7.3	46,970 8.5	46,750 7.5	46,580 8.8
Perry	5,444 12.9	5,529 12.2	5,480 19.0	5,430 12.5	5,450 12.7	5,460 9.7	5,710 10.4	5,590 9.9	5,500 10.2	5,550 10.1	5,570 13.3	5,660 9.8	5,500 10.9	5,450 17.6	5,170 16.0
Pickens	7,558 14.7	7,424 11.4	7,470 15.6	7,390 15.0	7,280 15.1	7,240 11.6	7,450 11.6	7,380 11.1	7,350 10.5	7,440 10.6	7,590 9.0	7,670 8.7	7,470 8.6	7,360 9.4	7,120 12.4
Pike	12,612 8.6	12,753 7.1	12,630 8.3	12,650 8.6	12,650 8.3	12,640 7.0	12,880 7.0	12,870 7.1	12,530 7.1	12,540 7.1	13,070 6.5	13,230 6.2	13,070 6.0	12,270 6.4	12,440 6.3
Randolph	9,424 9.2	9,440 6.7	9,440 7.2	9,410 7.3	9,470 7.8	9,390 6.1	9,420 6.1	9,320 6.6	9,100 8.3	9,340 7.2	9,450 6.6	9,730 5.8	9,620 5.2	9,590 5.7	9,640 6.2
Russell	22,641 9.6	22,691 7.5	22,680 9.7	22,430 8.9	22,440 8.3	22,520 8.1	22,590 7.5	22,790 7.0	22,500 6.6	22,720 6.6	22,780 6.2	22,780 5.9	22,760 5.8	23,300 9.0	21,990 6.6
St. Clair	20,610 8.4	20,810 6.3	20,440 8.2	20,380 8.1	20,590 8.2	20,630 6.8	20,870 6.8	20,950 5.7	20,820 5.4	20,850 5.1	20,980 4.9	21,080 5.2	21,050 5.5	21,080 5.5	21,390 6.7
Shelby	37,153 6.8	37,820 5.5	37,010 7.2	37,010 7.2	37,080 6.5	37,250 5.4	37,810 5.6	38,330 5.9	38,110 5.2	38,040 4.7	38,320 4.5	38,350 4.4	38,240 4.6	38,290 4.6	39,800 5.1
Sumter	6,243 21.0	5,784 13.4	5,830 16.3	5,810 15.5	5,810 16.1	5,710 13.1	5,740 11.6	5,660 14.2	5,730 14.1	5,760 13.6	5,890 10.7	6,040 11.4	5,820 11.9	5,610 12.1	5,730 11.9
Talladega	32,143 12.4	32,425 9.8	32,110 12.5	32,160 12.2	32,290 12.4	32,040 10.4	32,330 9.7	32,710 9.6	32,590 9.1	32,490 8.7	32,580 8.2	32,810 8.3	32,580 8.6	32,410 8.4	31,970 9.7
Tallapoosa	19,101 8.0	19,519 6.6	19,060 7.5	19,010 7.1	19,130 7.8	19,190 6.8	19,520 7.6	19,930 6.7	19,650 6.4	19,690 6.1	19,750 5.8	19,780 5.6	19,740 5.8	19,780 5.6	18,760 6.4
Tuscaloosa	68,450 7.7	70,246 6.2	69,180 7.6	69,180 7.5	69,190 7.4	69,800 6.3	70,010 6.6	69,020 6.3	69,050 6.3	70,360 5.8	71,430 5.4	72,070 5.2	71,920 5.2	71,740 5.3	69,760 6.2
Walker	30,633 15.2	30,118 11.0	30,000 14.1	29,860 13.7	30,020 13.4	30,050 12.0	30,220 11.5	30,380 10.8	29,960 9.6	30,020 9.4	30,250 9.3	30,280 9.2	30,240 9.5	30,140 9.1	28,720 11.0
Washington	5,594 19.4	5,298 14.8	5,490 20.6	5,430 19.5	5,650 23.2	5,160 15.2	5,200 14.2	5,130 13.9	5,080 12.8	5,070 12.0	5,250 11.2	5,420 12.0	5,360 11.1	5,340 11.6	5,870 11.3
Wilcox	4,402 16.8	4,342 13.5	4,300 14.8	4,280 14.4	4,270 13.5	4,340 13.8	4,440 14.3	4,370 13.6	4,320 14.0	4,330 14.8	4,420 13.5	4,450 12.3	4,320 11.2	4,260 11.4	4,270 12.9
Winston	10,288 21.1	9,915 14.4	10,080 22.9	9,910 22.8	9,830 20.5	9,710 14.9	9,810 13.2	9,870 12.6	9,890 11.9	10,040 11.1	9,990 10.2	10,170 10.6	9,870 10.5	9,810 11.5	9,950 13.9
TRADE															
Foreign															
Imports, Total (C.I.F.) Value *($1,000)*	....	1,031,400	83,700	75,400	132,100	87,200	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	87,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	....
Exports, Total (F.A.S) Value *($1,000)*	....	1,849,400	138,100	144,400	177,700	146,900	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[5] *(1,000 tons)*	38,701	29,363	2,253	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848	....
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	26,789	28,038	2,438	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141	2,669
Gasoline sales[6] *(1,000 gallons)*	2,012,114	2,084,218	159,663	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724	....
New passenger car registrations[7] *(number)*	159,481	140,070	8,953	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545	....
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[8] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,953	4,088	336	314	330	347	353	353	364	346	345	337	316	346	....
General merchandise	2,739	2,830	175	174	223	243	236	225	217	224	215	238	275	386	....
Apparel	793	848	53	51	68	74	63	64	61	73	69	72	78	121	....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	920	976	72	67	78	75	78	86	81	81	80	79	82	116	....
Automotive	3,960	3,971	247	282	341	361	354	372	375	387	350	319	276	308	....
Gasoline service stations	267	291	21	20	23	24	25	26	32	25	25	24	23	23	....
Lumber and building materials	1,518	1,681	106	104	140	156	150	156	157	152	148	150	130	131	....
Hardware and farm implements	218	227	15	14	18	20	21	18	20	20	20	21	19	21	....
Eating places	1,569	1,711	128	122	143	142	147	147	152	153	145	148	137	148	....
Drug stores	384	390	31	31	30	32	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46	....
All other retail	1,925	2,056	154	148	159	165	164	162	159	160	167	174	181	264	....
Total sales by retail concerns	18,246	19,069	1,339	1,327	1,554	1,639	1,626	1,640	1,649	1,651	1,594	1,594	1,545	1,909	....
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,568	2,744	194	197	220	229	233	236	239	246	246	243	231	230	....
Total all sales at retail	20,814	21,812	1,533	1,525	1,774	1,868	1,859	1,876	1,888	1,897	1,840	1,837	1,776	2,139	....

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Type of Activity	Annual		1987												1988
	1986	1987	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[8] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	601,276	43,146	42,375	48,325	51,721	51,065	51,087	52,225	53,103	51,117	50,102	49,530	57,480	......
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,803,110	414,935	417,987	475,358	488,686	491,675	498,748	501,637	514,819	490,464	475,322	471,775	561,704	......
Dothan	686,890	692,345	49,667	50,033	57,729	60,428	58,782	60,350	60,906	60,037	57,026	56,633	54,180	66,574	......
Florence	685,562	717,669	49,564	50,217	56,472	62,244	61,281	60,981	61,890	62,554	59,797	59,696	59,549	73,424	......
Gadsden	497,223	523,144	36,745	36,165	42,851	44,438	44,008	45,128	46,678	45,274	43,283	44,891	42,330	51,353	......
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,301,683	91,910	91,013	106,693	111,970	111,742	111,236	111,761	113,602	110,873	109,322	106,261	125,300	......
Mobile	2,283,409	2,274,428	168,288	161,305	187,669	204,706	196,640	201,500	203,406	192,633	184,621	193,509	177,849	202,302	......
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,713,387	117,415	126,633	145,013	150,274	146,411	149,315	148,329	144,212	142,788	139,997	133,774	169,226	......
Tuscaloosa	717,147	727,725	54,906	51,593	58,799	62,300	61,341	60,214	61,877	65,504	62,613	63,694	56,461	68,423	......
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,163	8,566	8,665	10,617	10,663	10,397	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,189	10,425	9,058	10,311	......
Baldwin	368,427	368,385	25,616	25,396	31,253	33,290	34,251	34,905	37,619	33,284	28,894	29,751	25,882	28,244	......
Barbour	82,125	84,707	6,142	5,821	6,878	7,480	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,044	6,933	7,084	7,601	8,286	......
Bibb	49,910	51,618	3,393	3,650	4,436	4,411	4,620	4,489	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,390	4,393	4,887	......
Blount	101,329	110,172	7,617	7,237	8,506	9,817	10,287	9,598	9,994	9,499	9,168	9,511	9,000	9,938	......
Bullock	25,847	25,173	2,341	2,101	2,108	2,078	1,937	1,970	2,016	2,307	1,974	2,115	1,992	2,234	......
Butler	63,879	62,911	5,260	4,424	5,175	5,688	5,154	5,395	5,554	5,447	4,950	5,608	4,677	5,579	......
Calhoun	594,215	601,276	43,146	42,375	48,325	51,721	51,065	51,087	52,225	53,103	51,117	50,102	49,530	57,480	......
Chambers	116,896	125,359	8,556	8,626	9,917	11,279	10,494	11,010	11,245	11,175	10,566	11,130	10,121	11,240	......
Cherokee	50,392	51,116	3,641	3,502	4,191	4,714	4,476	4,546	4,515	4,115	4,857	4,089	3,984	4,486	......
Chilton	117,577	122,500	8,311	8,669	10,861	10,758	10,949	11,048	10,078	10,707	9,776	10,119	10,039	11,185	......
Choctaw	36,495	38,301	3,214	2,545	3,163	3,320	3,340	3,770	3,281	3,181	3,069	3,178	2,776	3,464	......
Clarke	106,904	104,404	7,819	7,322	8,191	8,909	9,151	9,330	9,276	8,918	8,765	8,992	7,998	9,733	......
Clay	30,626	31,903	2,444	2,356	2,402	2,556	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,532	2,657	2,636	2,684	......
Cleburne	24,013	26,903	1,806	1,895	2,228	2,061	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,353	2,066	2,200	......
Coffee	207,873	210,049	15,022	15,792	17,735	17,507	19,943	17,230	18,491	18,077	18,010	16,728	16,675	18,839	......
Colbert	265,879	293,337	19,885	20,536	22,116	25,991	25,160	26,034	25,614	25,890	25,973	25,049	24,419	26,670	......
Conecuh	33,825	32,280	2,842	2,310	2,917	2,958	2,799	2,718	2,771	2,804	2,566	2,565	2,460	2,570	......
Coosa	10,108	12,681	685	795	1,004	1,033	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,029	1,010	......
Covington	141,098	142,347	10,217	10,165	11,919	12,706	12,421	12,044	12,574	12,008	12,287	12,202	10,771	13,033	......
Crenshaw	38,643	40,237	3,371	3,059	3,392	3,045	2,926	3,764	3,505	3,857	3,388	3,224	3,129	3,577	......
Cullman	266,551	268,930	19,029	19,677	22,342	23,983	23,851	23,860	23,720	24,048	20,847	22,426	20,984	24,163	......
Dale	118,237	120,122	8,854	8,657	10,459	10,527	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,570	9,420	9,980	9,567	10,690	......
Dallas	211,690	218,589	15,384	15,210	17,661	19,273	19,182	19,004	18,941	19,353	18,140	18,338	17,735	20,368	......
DeKalb	200,558	215,353	15,311	13,570	16,461	21,125	18,734	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,707	18,230	17,454	19,196	......
Elmore	110,904	111,589	7,851	8,218	9,314	9,616	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,726	9,203	9,399	8,363	10,095	......
Escambia	140,786	136,116	9,682	10,194	11,330	11,703	11,822	11,977	11,841	11,933	11,297	11,174	10,750	12,413	......
Etowah	497,225	523,144	36,745	36,165	42,851	44,438	44,008	45,128	46,678	45,274	43,283	44,891	42,330	51,353	......
Fayette	69,143	66,566	5,235	5,471	5,204	5,701	5,264	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,955	5,342	6,841	......
Franklin	101,756	108,479	7,631	7,560	8,377	9,305	9,584	9,665	9,266	9,555	9,321	9,196	8,709	10,310	......
Geneva	141,556	131,065	10,579	10,402	11,337	11,431	11,152	11,715	11,232	11,127	11,124	9,960	10,192	10,814	......
Greene	18,569	18,616	1,353	1,405	1,617	1,756	1,750	1,615	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,357	1,409	1,388	......
Hale	32,720	30,277	2,315	2,394	2,484	2,712	2,653	2,851	2,790	2,833	2,524	2,133	2,161	2,427	......
Henry	38,200	41,170	2,957	2,911	3,531	3,818	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,470	3,567	2,975	3,609	......
Houston	568,657	572,223	40,813	41,376	47,270	49,901	48,350	49,743	50,547	49,467	47,606	46,653	44,613	55,884	......
Jackson	156,051	164,889	11,699	11,301	14,155	14,628	15,003	14,333	14,632	14,454	13,366	13,800	12,587	14,931	......
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,824,912	346,505	348,694	397,753	407,466	406,218	413,206	415,152	427,899	408,699	391,421	394,160	467,739	......
Lamar	38,627	37,094	2,739	2,547	2,854	3,164	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,586	2,912	3,068	......
Lauderdale	419,683	424,332	29,679	29,681	34,356	36,253	36,121	34,947	36,276	36,664	33,824	34,647	35,130	46,754	......
Lawrence	61,902	65,099	4,574	4,308	5,040	5,415	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,869	5,612	6,903	......
Lee	389,424	402,094	28,440	27,149	32,638	34,630	33,903	34,477	34,288	33,849	36,108	34,814	33,668	38,130	......
Limestone	186,763	195,502	14,028	13,194	16,600	16,857	16,937	17,124	17,312	17,816	16,112	16,166	15,237	18,119	......
Lowndes	22,608	21,618	1,628	1,550	1,784	1,811	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,969	1,881	1,527	1,580	2,151	......
Macon	49,138	53,064	4,275	3,733	4,560	4,757	4,652	4,708	4,590	5,013	4,707	4,019	3,623	4,427	......
Madison	1,242,238	1,301,683	91,910	91,013	106,693	111,970	111,742	111,236	111,761	113,602	110,873	109,322	106,261	125,300	......
Marengo	78,482	80,394	6,351	5,718	7,063	7,053	6,665	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,069	5,939	7,639	......
Marion	109,604	110,470	8,795	7,628	9,313	9,313	9,569	9,414	9,309	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,069	10,367	......
Marshall	413,348	426,754	28,156	29,623	36,021	37,447	37,793	36,974	37,073	37,692	35,504	36,064	35,364	39,043	......
Mobile	1,914,922	1,906,043	142,672	135,909	156,416	171,416	162,389	166,595	165,787	159,349	155,727	163,758	151,967	174,058	......
Monroe	76,622	73,473	5,255	5,339	6,048	6,007	6,309	6,302	6,723	6,467	6,063	5,866	5,958	7,136	......
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,479,635	100,998	109,750	125,082	129,995	126,434	128,243	127,014	123,377	123,396	120,173	116,353	148,820	......
Morgan	567,117	583,481	40,383	41,142	47,605	50,135	50,701	50,388	49,000	53,208	49,664	49,387	46,688	55,180	......
Perry	24,819	23,685	1,812	1,862	2,071	2,214	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,981	2,030	1,878	1,722	2,023	......
Pickens	44,711	42,183	2,900	3,259	3,640	3,746	3,701	3,786	3,995	3,687	3,411	3,495	2,959	3,604	......
Pike	109,036	114,841	8,428	7,809	9,555	10,094	9,764	9,616	9,708	9,938	9,893	9,910	9,187	10,939	......
Randolph	58,587	60,386	5,211	4,513	5,055	5,060	4,936	4,764	4,807	4,729	5,677	5,233	4,711	5,690	......
Russell	128,144	131,301	9,476	9,162	10,711	11,589	11,129	10,990	11,519	11,380	11,530	10,822	10,390	12,603	......
St. Clair	150,423	150,769	10,556	10,732	11,554	12,301	13,653	13,597	15,032	14,269	12,740	12,123	11,502	12,710	......
Shelby	314,788	356,225	24,869	25,902	28,223	28,504	29,520	30,985	30,381	29,995	30,445	31,103	28,059	38,239	......
Sumter	31,053	32,529	2,534	2,220	2,980	2,800	2,712	2,723	2,674	2,679	2,548	2,937	2,677	3,045	......
Talladega	275,222	298,281	19,882	20,175	24,317	25,849	28,839	25,550	27,914	25,770	24,378	24,573	22,864	28,170	......
Tallapoosa	147,115	152,745	11,076	10,756	12,951	13,143	13,992	14,273	13,291	13,446	11,885	12,540	11,965	13,427	......
Tuscaloosa	717,107	727,725	54,906	51,593	58,799	62,300	61,341	60,214	61,877	65,504	62,613	63,694	56,461	68,423	......
Walker	344,683	361,032	25,388	25,422	29,322	30,598	31,997	31,362	31,078	33,157	29,412	31,164	29,054	33,078	......
Washington	20,902	22,138	1,427	1,518	1,782	1,936	2,120	2,196	2,001	2,089	1,899	1,789	1,856	1,525	......
Wilcox	25,124	23,171	1,950	1,844	2,026	2,041	2,095	1,986	1,918	1,866	1,842	1,892	1,647	2,064	......
Winston	83,769	101,861	6,770	6,017	7,151	7,923	9,944	8,204	11,309	7,736	9,280	9,455	10,143	7,929	......
Statewide[9]	1,334,557	1,842,871	104,138	103,208	132,164	142,287	143,166	150,425	148,414	154,678	167,138	172,713	176,115	248,425	......

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

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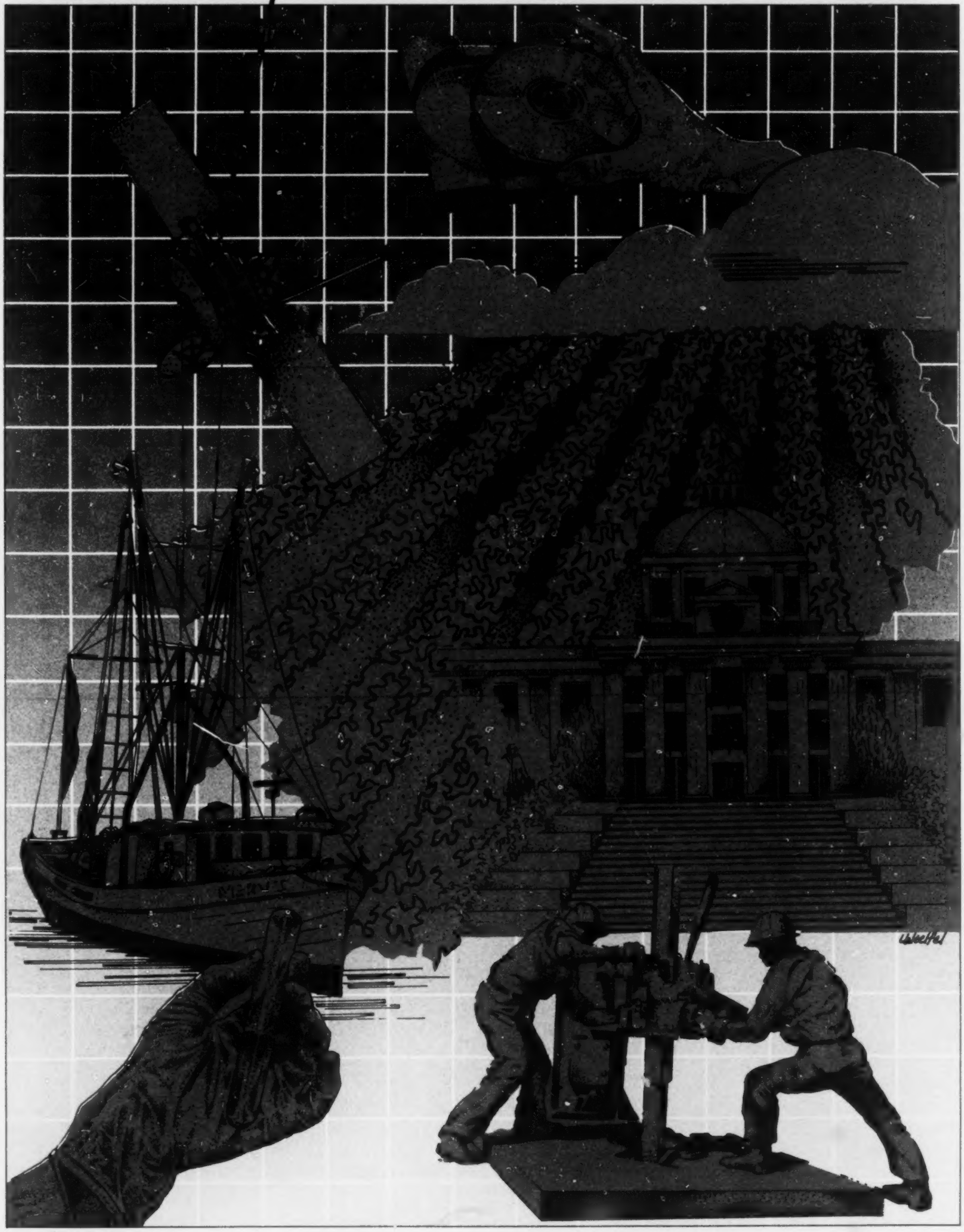

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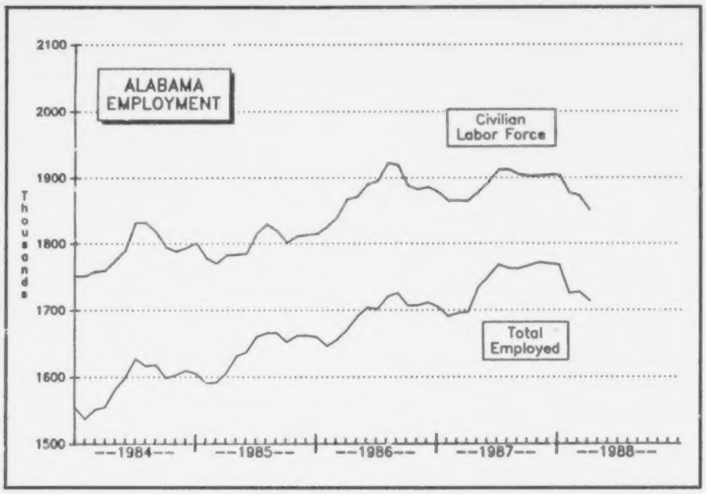
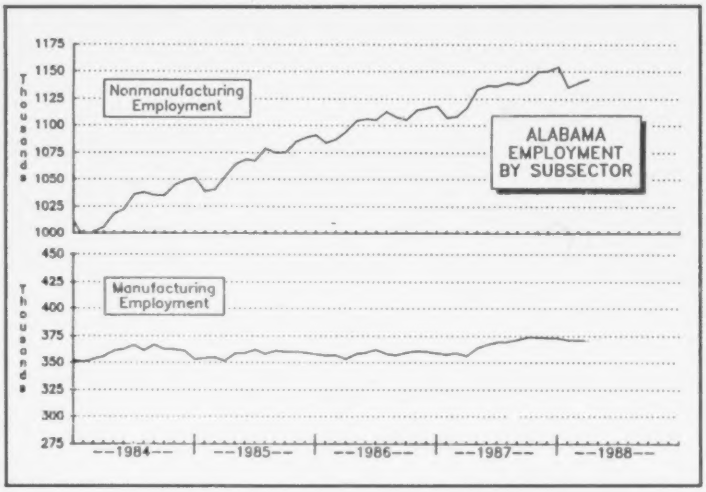


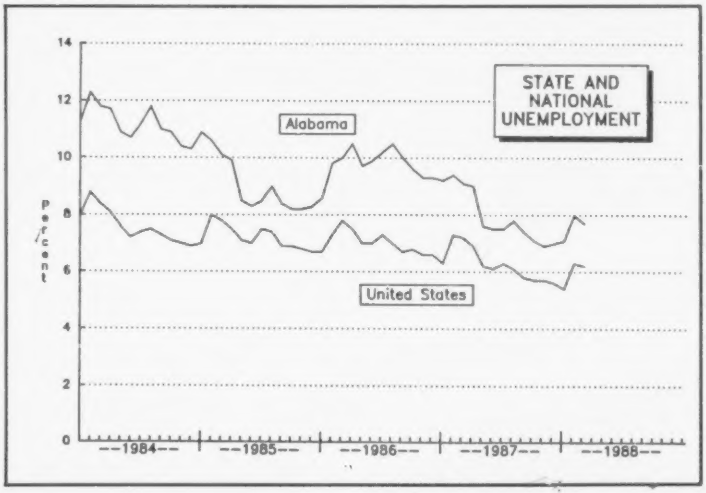
Alabama Employment

Total employment in Alabama continues its general upward trend. While periodic drops in employment may occur throughout the year, the state seems to have recovered from the last sizeable drop in employment during late 1986.



Alabama Employment By Subsector

Manufacturing employment in Alabama remains stable, reflecting the maturity of that sector of the state's economy. Most of the employment growth is seen in the nonmanufacturing sector, reflecting increases in service, government, and finance sectors of the economy among others.



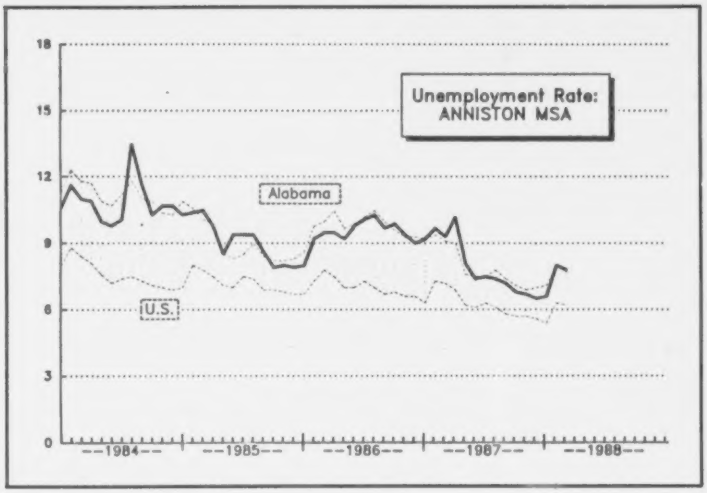
State and National Unemployment

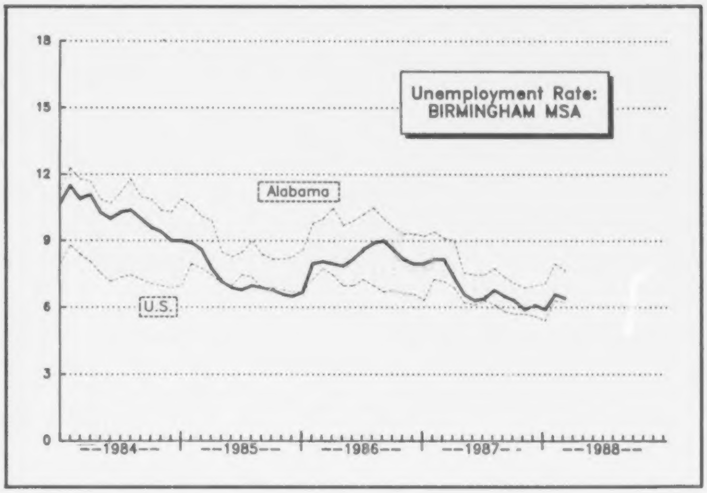
Alabama's unemployment rate remains above that of the nation. However, the past 12 months have seen a reduction in the difference between state and national levels.

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Anniston MSA

The Anniston metropolitan area's unemployment nearly mirrors that of the state average and has for several years.



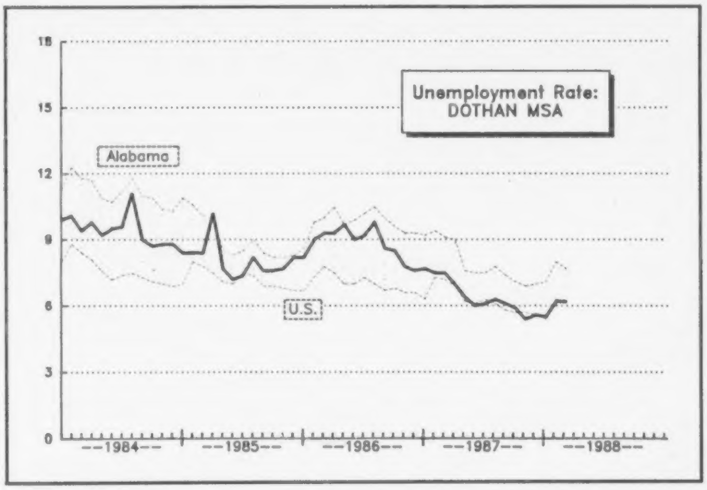


Birmingham MSA

Birmingham's economy has recovered from the severe recession of the early 1980s which particularly affected the area's steel industry. As Alabama's commercial and financial center, the Birmingham MSA has enjoyed an unemployment rate comparable to that of the nation for the past 12 months.

Dothan MSA

Dothan's unemployment rate remains below that of the state average, and since 1987 has been close to or below the level of the U.S. unemployment rate.



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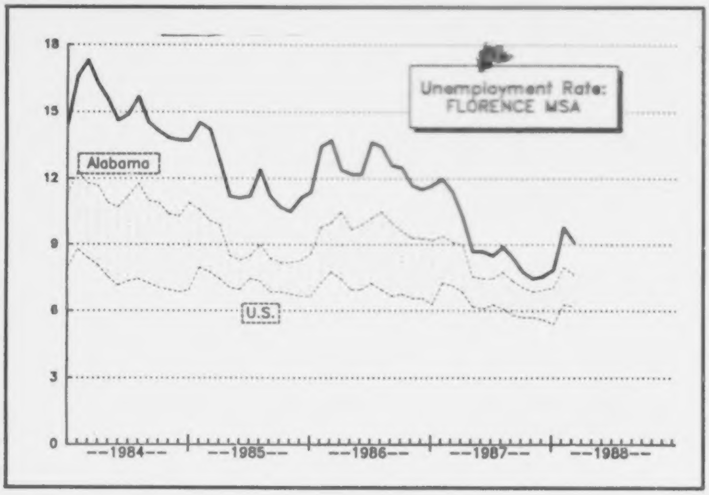
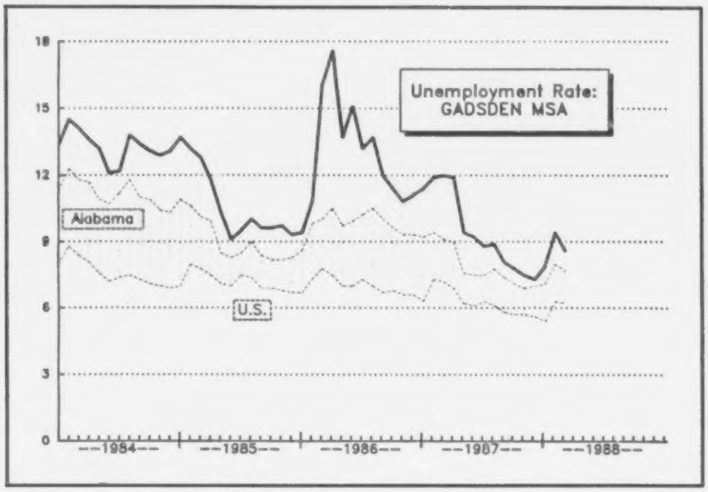


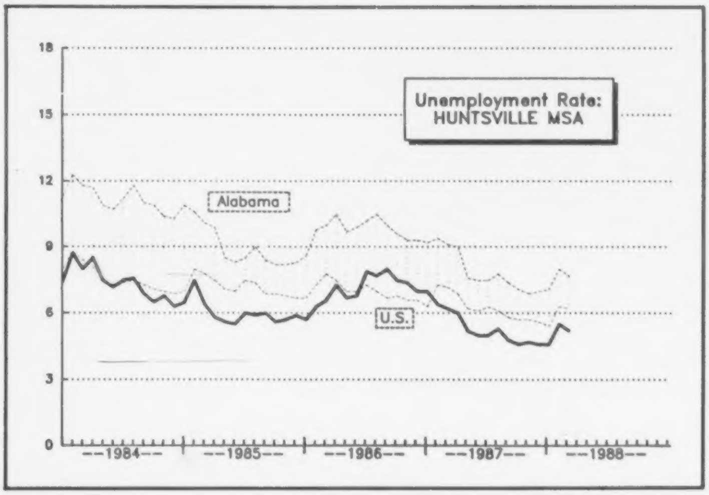
Florence MSA

Florence's unemployment rate remains above that of the state average, but the past year has seen a narrowing of the gap between the two.

Gadsden MSA

Gadsden's unemployment rate has been historically higher than the state and national averages. However, as of the beginning of 1988, the Gadsden MSA has shown significant recovery from the difficult times of early 1986.





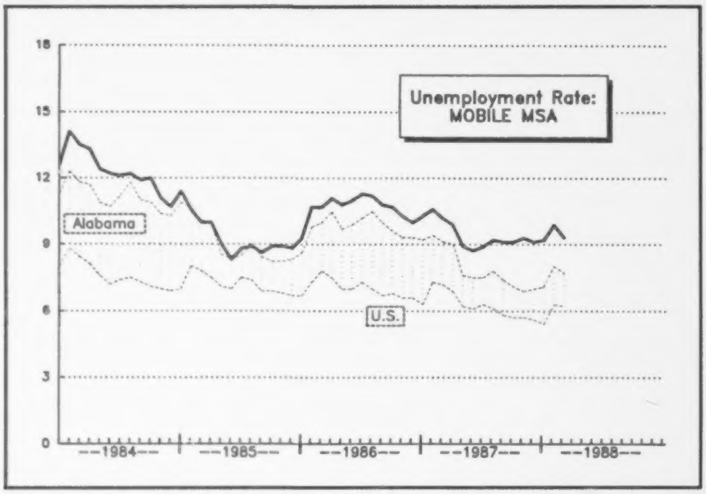
Huntsville MSA

Huntsville has consistently had the lowest unemployment rate among Alabama's metropolitan statistical areas. Huntsville's unemployment rate has typically been below the national average except for a brief time in 1986.

MSA Unemployment Rates

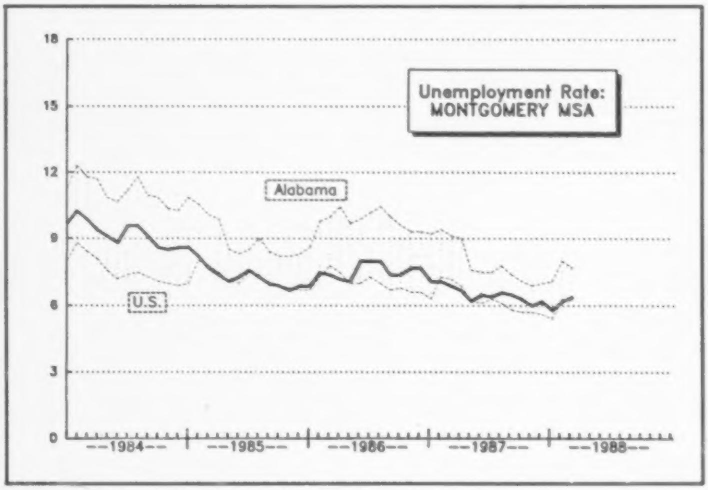
Mobile MSA

Unemployment in Mobile remains above the state average. While the unemployment rate seems to have become stable at around 9 percent, the area does not seem to have benefited from the overall drop in the unemployment rate at the state level during the last half of 1987.



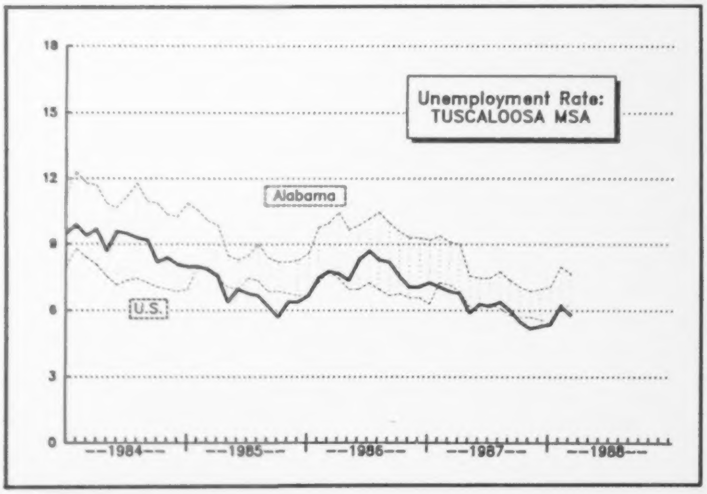
Montgomery MSA

As the state pulled out of the recession of the early 1980s, the Montgomery unemployment rate fell. For several years it has tracked well with the national average and has been noticeably below the state average.



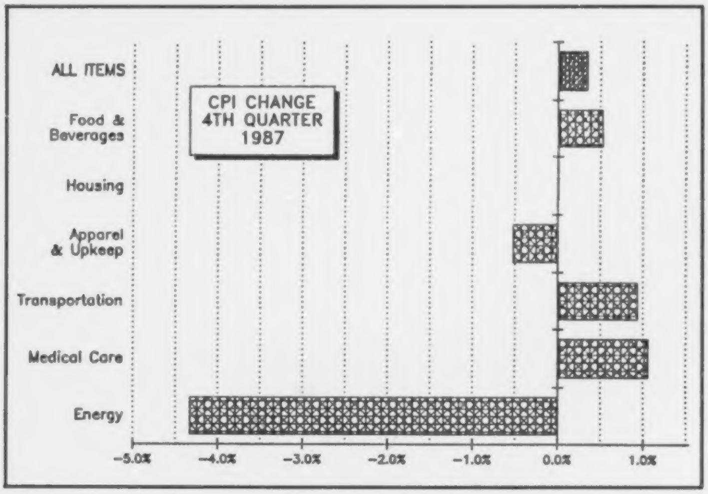
Tuscaloosa MSA

Tuscaloosa's unemployment rate continues to be well below that of the state average, and remains at levels near or below that of the U.S. rate.



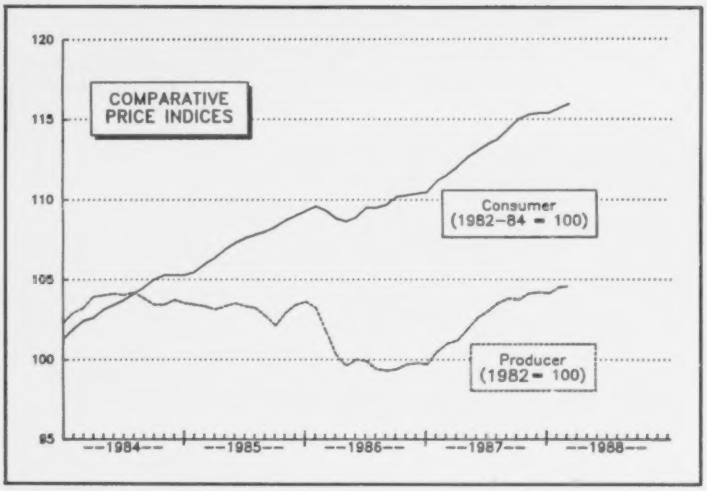
PRICES

Consumer Price Indices



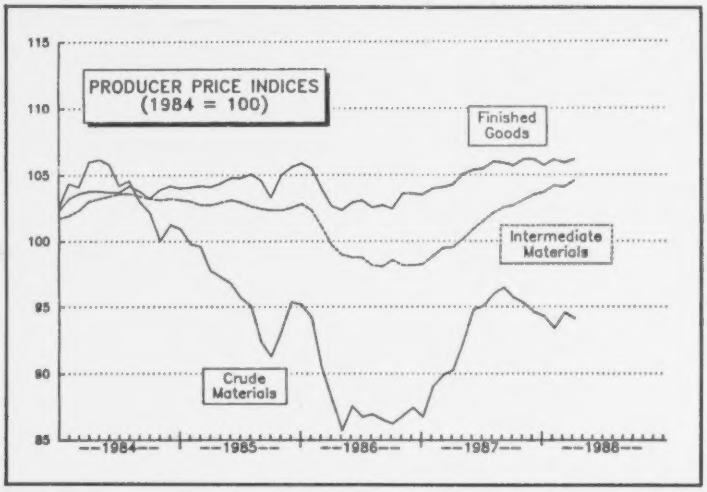
During the fourth quarter of 1987 increases in consumer prices were moderated by sharply lower energy costs. Prices of food and beverages, transportation, and medical care increased somewhat, while apparel and upkeep declined slightly.

Consumer and Producer Price Indices



Consumer prices have been increasing at a faster pace than producer prices in recent years. From 1987 through the current period the CPI and the PPI have been paralleling each other more closely than in previous times.

Producer Price Indices



Throughout the illustrated time period producer prices have been driven by the cost of raw materials, particularly petroleum. By contrast, the decline in raw materials prices in late 1987 was not reflected in corresponding indices for intermediate and finished goods.

OTHER INDICATORS

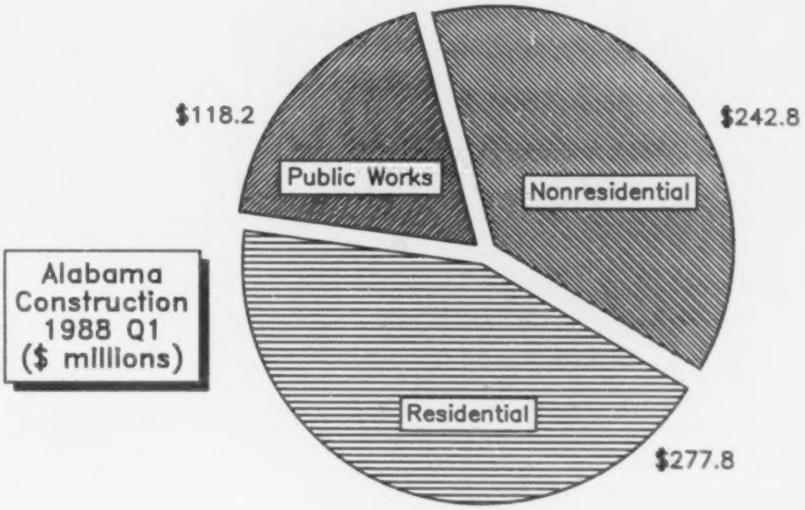
Total Personal Income

	1986	1987			
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
U.S.	3,589,223	3,652,506	3,688,315	3,749,283	3,844,771
Alabama	46,425	47,078	47,457	48,562	49,294
Share of nation	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Percent change		1.4	0.8	2.3	1.5
Southeast	739,769	753,302	762,661	778,461	794,053
Share of nation	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.7	20.6
Percent change		1.8	1.2	2.1	2.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, special tabulations.

Note: Income is in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

Alabama Construction



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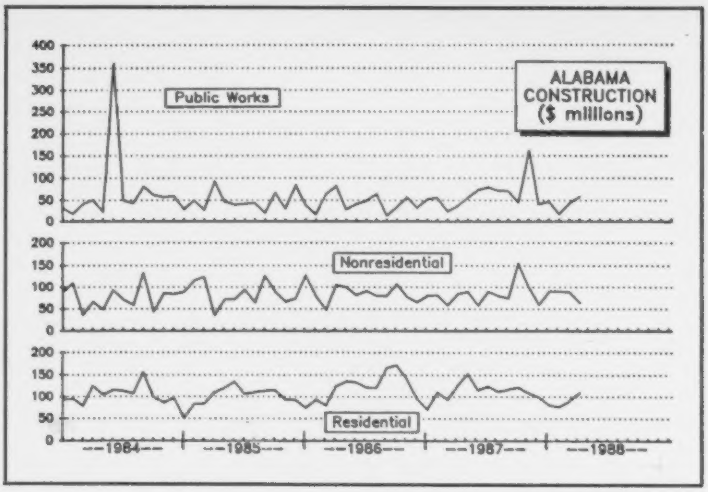
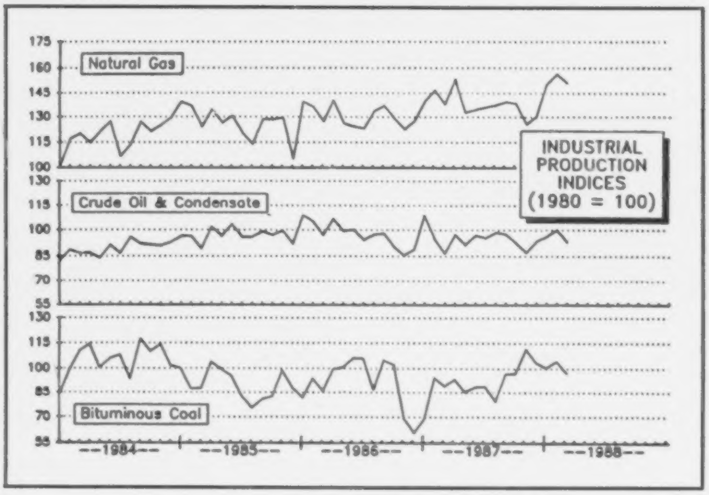


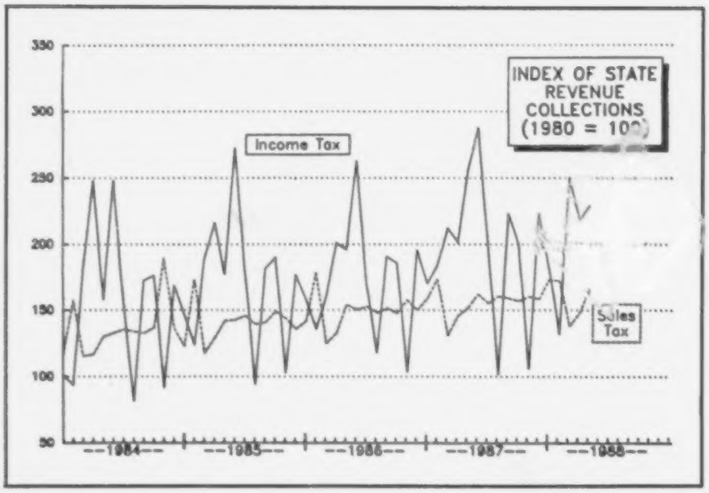
Alabama Construction

Construction levels in Alabama remain at generally stable levels. However, for a short period in late 1987 there were temporary increases in the levels of public works and nonresidential construction. Residential construction levels did not change appreciably during that time period.



Industrial Production Indices

Production in natural gas and crude oil and condensate remains at stable levels. Bituminous coal production appears to have leveled off following an increase in late 1987. Current levels of bituminous coal production are in line with levels seen in early 1986 prior to the steep drop which occurred later that year.



Index of State Revenue Collections

State income tax collections continue to increase steadily following the slight drop seen in late 1986. Levels of sales tax collection continue to exhibit the cyclical pattern characteristic of the prime shopping seasons throughout the year.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987											1988	
	1986	1987	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,895	24,870	1,964	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304	2,144
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	146,936	155,990	12,930	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,087	14,686	14,177
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	419,377	483,311	36,400	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,926	41,139
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	21,399	20,621	1,580	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827	1,703
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,314	24,675	1,845	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059	2,063
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,485	6,904	531	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623	567
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	2,984,600	3,162,100	171,300	262,600	298,800	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400	222,400
Residential	1,453,200	1,379,900	93,500	141,700	153,300	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500	91,300
Nonresidential	995,300	1,017,500	58,200	80,400	89,800	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100	88,600
Public works and utilities	536,100	764,700	23,700	36,400	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700	42,600
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,334	1,401	86	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76	98
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax ($1,000)															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	224,952	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813	254,571
Franchise	75,088	85,027	2,214	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808	3,883
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	16,310	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487	16,468
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	111,484	105,908	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466	131,668
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	4,570	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070	5,471
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	2,136	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666	2,835
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	577	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777	797
Sales	775,708	810,128	56,264	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133	59,345
2.2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	0	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521	160
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	3,842	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	5,083	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	-5,847	6,426	5,958	5,151
Use	84,390	88,397	795	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618	1,178
Utility	160,233	165,984	13,988	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721	14,550
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1982-84 = 100)															
All items	109.6	113.6	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7	116.0
Percent change	1.1	4.3	.4	.4	.5	.4	.4	.3	.5	.5	.3	.1	.0	.3	.3
Food	108.9	113.5	112.5	112.5	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7	115.7
Housing	110.8	114.2	112.4	112.8	113.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2	116.6
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	101.4	101.5	101.3	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4	102.8
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	106.2	109.7	111.5	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4	110.2
Transportation	102.3	105.4	103.1	103.3	104.2	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1	106.8
Medical care	122.0	130.1	127.4	128.1	128.7	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.4	135.5
Energy	88.2	88.6	85.6	85.8	86.4	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4	87.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	101.0	101.2	101.9	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.1	104.5	104.6
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	100.8	101.1	101.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.1	104.3	104.4
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices (1982-84 = $1.000)	.912	.880	.896	.892	.887	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864	.862
Wholesale prices (1982 = $1.000)	.998	.973	.990	.988	.981	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.961	.957	.956
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[4]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,866.1	1,865.1	1,878.9	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.0	1,872.9
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	170.1	167.6	142.7	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.6	144.2
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	9.1	9.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.0	7.7
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,696.0	1,697.5	1,736.2	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.4	1,728.7
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,467.9	1,473.2	1,497.6	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.1	1,511.4
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	359.2	356.1	363.7	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	373.4	371.4	371.3
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	172.4	173.0	175.8	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2	179.4
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	28.5	28.9	29.5	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4	29.2
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	24.3	25.0	25.9	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6	27.1
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	21.9	21.8	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1	21.9
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	20.6	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5	22.7
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	22.0	21.3	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9	22.9
Transportation	27.5	28.0	27.9	28.3	28.2	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8	27.7
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	17.6	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3	18.2
Nondurable goods	184.6	190.2	186.8	183.1	187.9	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2	191.9
Food	29.9	31.0	29.8	29.8	29.7	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3	31.1
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	38.1	37.8	38.3	38.5	39.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.1
Apparel	54.3	56.1	55.0	51.4	56.2	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4	56.4
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	21.2	21.1	20.3	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.5
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.7
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.5
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,108.7	1,117.1	1,133.9	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7	1,140.1
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.8
Contract construction	74.9	74.0	69.3	70.7	73.4	74.2	76.4	76.4	76.6	75.4	76.5	74.5	74.4	70.9	72.0
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.7	72.5	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.1	73.1	72.9	72.6	72.3	72.3	71.8	72.0
Trade	319.6	332.0	319.6	321.9	329.8	332.2	333.5	333.4	334.2	335.0	337.0	340.0	344.8	334.2	332.0
Wholesale	77.1	78.4	77.1	77.7	78.2	78.5	79.2	78.9	78.7	78.9	79.1	78.7	78.9	78.5	78.6
Retail	242.5	253.6	242.5	244.2	251.6	253.7	254.3	254.5	255.5	256.1	257.9	261.3	265.9	255.7	253.4
Finance, insurance, real estate	69.1	70.5	69.7	69.9	70.5	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.3	70.9	70.4	70.0	70.2	69.5	69.6
Service and miscellaneous	259.0	274.8	266.8	270.5	273.9	274.1	276.6	277.5	278.1	279.7	279.4	278.7	278.7	276.1	278.4
Government	298.0	299.6	300.6	300.9	302.3	302.4	294.5	297.5	293.7	295.7	302.3	303.4	302.5	301.7	304.6
Federal	64.1	66.0	64.2	65.0	65.3	65.4	66.2	66.4	66.6	66.5	67.1	67.3	67.2	66.6	66.6
State and local	233.9	233.6	236.4	235.9	237.0	237.0	228.3	231.1	227.1	229.2	235.2	236.1	235.3	235.1	228.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987											1988	
	1986	1967	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CON'T															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	18,828	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	18,002	18,643
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	5,701	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	5,849	6,311
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	425,763	349,204	28,758	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	58,703	25,736
Payments *($1,000)*	186,826	165,953	16,289	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	15,539	13,021
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,694	16,116	16,050	15,830	16,050	16,270	16,440	16,280	16,200	16,160	16,040	16,090	16,090	15,770	15,830
	7.9	7.0	8.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.8
Baldwin	38,264	39,863	39,160	40,690	39,570	39,880	40,220	40,030	39,800	40,000	39,650	39,750	40,330	39,450	39,680
	8.9	7.6	8.5	11.2	6.9	6.5	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.6	8.6	8.8	8.8
Barbour	11,903	11,648	11,760	11,580	11,570	11,600	11,870	11,620	11,510	11,530	11,630	11,780	11,650	11,370	11,370
	9.5	8.0	9.6	8.7	8.5	7.6	8.4	7.9	7.5	7.8	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.9	7.7
Bibb	7,273	7,278	7,060	7,070	7,180	7,240	7,330	7,440	7,400	7,360	7,340	7,350	7,310	7,210	7,080
	13.3	11.1	12.4	12.2	9.9	10.3	8.9	10.3	9.7	10.8	9.3	10.5	12.8	14.0	10.5
Blount	16,682	17,620	17,350	17,660	17,720	17,700	17,740	17,580	17,650	17,670	17,500	17,540	17,810	17,820	17,710
	9.0	7.3	8.6	9.8	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.3	5.6	6.7	9.1	8.4
Bullock	3,971	3,801	3,640	3,660	3,650	3,660	3,910	3,980	3,920	3,820	3,870	3,880	3,900	3,780	3,680
	17.3	14.4	14.9	13.2	12.3	11.5	14.1	16.4	16.1	13.7	13.5	14.6	15.5	15.4	16.2
Butler	9,382	9,599	9,550	9,590	9,430	9,610	9,680	9,820	9,700	9,640	9,590	9,540	9,500	9,260	9,210
	11.7	10.6	12.9	12.3	8.6	9.6	10.1	12.2	12.2	10.6	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.9	10.3
Calhoun	51,892	51,596	51,340	51,380	51,150	51,480	51,680	51,740	51,730	51,380	51,800	51,850	52,010	51,900	51,400
	9.6	7.8	9.3	10.2	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.6	8.0	7.8
Chambers	17,241	17,510	17,020	16,980	17,170	17,200	17,650	17,790	17,870	17,940	17,850	17,850	17,750	17,400	17,480
	8.6	5.9	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.0
Cherokee	7,768	7,970	7,660	7,700	8,010	8,020	8,270	8,160	8,040	8,070	8,090	8,090	7,900	7,950	7,870
	13.5	8.7	11.2	16.1	9.1	8.6	8.3	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.9	9.2	7.5
Chilton	15,723	15,588	15,730	15,480	15,300	15,670	15,810	15,670	15,590	15,550	15,570	15,670	15,510	15,360	15,210
	10.6	9.5	11.2	10.9	9.4	9.4	8.3	9.4	8.7	7.9	7.1	8.9	9.3	9.8	8.4
Choctaw	7,481	7,003	6,530	7,020	6,960	6,950	7,130	7,150	7,200	7,050	7,090	7,070	6,960	7,060	6,920
	14.9	10.0	12.6	17.3	9.7	8.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.8	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.2
Clarke	11,363	11,461	11,310	11,220	11,270	11,230	11,430	11,500	11,430	11,440	11,680	11,800	11,780	11,680	11,560
	11.4	11.2	11.1	16.6	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.1	11.5	12.6	13.8	13.5	13.3
Clay	6,358	6,146	6,060	6,120	6,070	6,080	6,030	6,160	6,100	6,070	6,330	6,310	6,310	6,250	6,230
	15.0	8.9	9.9	19.0	8.8	8.8	9.2	8.6	7.5	6.4	6.0	5.7	7.0	8.3	7.4
Cleburne	5,719	5,431	5,590	5,450	5,500	5,500	5,380	5,400	5,310	5,300	5,330	5,330	5,350	5,430	5,310
	8.8	7.2	7.3	10.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.8	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.6	8.6	7.4
Coffee	17,625	17,960	17,230	17,420	17,890	18,230	18,350	18,210	18,290	18,250	18,190	18,230	17,950	17,610	17,610
	8.8	6.3	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.7	6.6
Colbert	24,628	23,872	24,180	23,850	23,770	24,070	24,040	23,930	23,870	23,750	23,680	23,550	23,760	23,430	23,470
	13.9	10.2	13.4	11.7	10.2	10.3	9.4	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.3	11.1	10.3
Conecuh	6,458	6,009	6,240	6,420	6,140	6,120	6,000	5,970	5,850	5,770	5,780	5,810	5,810	5,700	5,690
	16.0	16.0	21.6	23.8	15.9	16.2	16.2	14.9	13.4	12.6	12.0	12.9	12.1	12.7	12.2
Coosa	4,760	4,988	5,010	4,960	4,900	4,990	4,960	5,000	4,980	4,980	5,030	5,060	5,000	4,960	4,970
	8.0	5.5	6.0	6.3	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.7	4.9	5.7	6.2
Covington	17,224	17,413	17,030	16,940	17,200	17,440	17,570	17,740	17,470	17,390	17,750	17,690	17,680	17,460	17,440
	10.7	7.5	9.4	8.7	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.7
Crenshaw	6,187	6,538	6,400	6,330	6,460	6,550	6,730	6,670	6,620	6,610	6,670	6,660	6,570	6,470	6,430
	9.0	9.2	13.0	16.0	7.9	8.1	7.7	8.6	8.1	7.0	7.7	8.3	9.1	8.7	8.0
Cullman	31,390	31,713	31,170	31,100	31,290	31,970	32,240	32,220	32,110	31,910	31,810	31,820	31,890	31,410	31,100
	9.4	7.7	9.2	8.6	7.8	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.5	6.8	7.4	8.8	8.3
Dale	16,753	17,831	17,470	17,350	17,420	17,610	17,800	18,080	18,090	18,140	18,260	18,290	18,190	18,020	17,880
	10.1	7.5	8.9	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.3	6.5	7.3	7.2
Dallas	23,022	21,371	21,220	20,920	21,710	21,620	21,990	22,040	21,640	21,480	21,010	20,720	20,650	20,570	20,580
	15.9	14.6	13.7	13.1	15.5	15.4	15.8	16.2	15.6	15.0	13.7	13.0	12.5	13.8	13.9
DeKalb	28,748	29,014	28,370	28,080	28,470	29,110	29,630	29,780	29,600	29,290	29,190	29,250	29,250	28,780	28,770
	10.0	7.8	10.3	10.0	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.9	8.3	7.9
Elmore	21,013	21,000	20,550	20,430	20,730	20,990	21,400	21,340	21,260	21,140	21,130	21,170	21,250	20,950	20,970
	6.9	5.9	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.3	6.3
Escambia	17,061	16,782	17,080	17,530	16,720	16,690	16,750	16,830	16,810	16,580	16,400	16,470	16,380	16,240	16,230
	11.5	10.4	12.2	15.1	10.1	9.5	9.7	9.4	9.6	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.9
Etowah	43,954	43,120	42,870	42,810	42,840	42,990	43,460	43,630	43,490	43,180	42,870	43,010	43,060	42,620	42,200
	13.0	9.2	12.0	11.9	9.4	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.9	9.4	8.6
Fayette	8,028	7,636	7,780	7,600	7,730	7,740	7,630	7,530	7,560	7,640	7,590	7,600	7,580	7,450	7,420
	13.8	10.6	11.9	11.7	10.8	10.8	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.4	10.1	9.2	8.9	10.7	10.3
Franklin	15,310	15,130	15,300	15,260	15,210	15,260	15,440	15,280	15,020	14,910	14,860	14,910	14,740	14,570	14,410
	13.6	10.1	12.6	11.8	9.8	9.5	9.1	9.0	7.8	7.8	8.9	10.1	11.4	13.8	11.4
Geneva	11,047	10,443	10,310	10,350	10,400	10,480	10,880	10,680	10,360	10,260	10,640	10,350	10,230	9,860	9,910
	8.5	6.2	7.7	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.3	6.4	5.5
Greene	3,733	3,743	3,710	3,830	3,690	3,650	3,780	3,840	3,840	3,770	3,710	3,730	3,680	3,720	3,790
	15.9	15.3	15.3	17.7	12.5	12.1	16.9	17.4	17.7	16.4	15.4	13.3	12.6	15.6	16.8
Hale	5,986	6,105	5,940	6,040	6,060	6,170	6,260	6,120	6,130	6,190	6,110	6,110	6,130	6,050	6,050
	10.7	8.2	9.1	9.3	7.7	7.1	9.4	7.8	6.9	7.9	7.0	7.3	8.7	10.1	8.5
Henry	6,631	6,766	6,530	6,570	6,810	6,950	6,930	6,890	6,810	6,810	6,820	6,840	6,740	6,390	6,450
	9.7	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.9	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.5	5.7	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.5
Houston	39,734	40,014	39,090	39,030	39,360	39,760	40,260	40,500	40,400	40,590	40,530	40,690	40,920	40,520	40,230
	8.3	5.8	6.9	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.8	5.7
Jackson	20,968	20,929	20,600	20,480	20,700	20,900	21,030	20,800	20,950	20,880	21,400	21,420	21,470	21,480	21,230
	14.7	9.4	11.3	9.9	8.5	8.6	9.8	9.7	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.6	10.0	11.4
Jefferson	335,634	338,868	334,050	332,130	337,000	337,330	340,790	343,150	341,770	342,340	341,440	341,320	341,460	334,890	335,140
	7.7	6.6	8.1	7.0	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.2
Lamar	8,856	8,675	8,770	8,700	8,620	8,780	8,830	8,780	8,640	8,520	8,560	8,610	8,500	8,500	8,500
	8.9	6.9	8.7	7.7	6.4	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.2	7.1	6.8
Lauderdale	37,027	36,490	36,440	36,400	36,230	36,600	36,970	36,930	36,740	36,460	36,410	36,360	36,260	35,820	35,930
	11.6	8.2	10.1	9.4	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.4	7.9	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.0	9.0	8.3
Lawrence	12,632	11,918	11,970	12,000	11,900	12,100	12,140	12,140	11,830	11,770	11,740	11,850	11,700	11,860	11,640
	14.6	12.7	14.5	14.8	12.6	12.8	12.4	13.4	11.9	10.7	10.4	12.5	11.9	14.9	13.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987											1988	
	1986	1987	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	38,124	38,259	37,800	37,500	38,640	39,080	38,330	37,980	37,770	37,820	38,550	39,160	38,770	38,110	37,780
	7.7	5.4	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.0
Limestone	29,806	30,096	29,700	29,700	29,670	30,320	29,780	29,720	29,750	30,510	30,760	30,970	30,200	29,900	30,030
	8.9	6.5	7.5	7.3	6.4	6.7	6.2	7.5	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.8	7.3	6.7
Lowndes	4,525	4,688	4,580	4,540	4,550	4,760	4,690	4,600	4,720	4,780	4,830	4,920	4,870	4,630	4,640
	15.8	19.3	15.2	14.5	15.2	21.9	23.5	24.4	22.9	21.3	20.3	18.6	17.8	19.2	19.0
Macon	10,693	10,563	10,490	10,500	10,380	10,520	10,660	10,830	10,740	10,590	10,540	10,560	10,490	10,390	10,330
	9.0	6.7	6.2	5.9	5.3	6.1	6.8	7.8	7.5	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.1	8.2	7.5
Madison	126,253	130,399	127,070	127,340	128,760	129,860	131,540	131,990	131,290	131,960	132,490	132,430	133,180	130,660	130,320
	7.2	5.2	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	5.5	5.2
Marengo	10,045	9,838	9,620	9,930	9,690	9,800	10,080	9,980	9,870	9,870	9,860	9,890	9,770	9,590	9,610
	11.1	8.4	8.8	14.9	8.1	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.5	8.3	8.1
Marion	16,083	15,548	15,330	15,500	15,450	15,480	15,720	15,760	15,730	15,520	15,540	15,500	15,570	15,890	15,760
	14.3	10.7	14.4	15.4	9.9	9.3	9.4	10.8	9.3	7.9	7.8	8.4	10.5	14.0	13.3
Marshall	37,011	37,288	36,620	36,810	36,660	37,510	37,560	37,930	37,460	37,430	37,610	37,530	37,790	37,700	37,260
	11.8	7.9	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.0	6.6	6.7	7.4	8.3	9.9	8.5
Mobile	172,880	172,319	169,320	168,540	171,680	173,210	176,100	175,770	174,230	174,240	172,860	171,200	171,760	168,910	168,720
	11.1	9.7	10.7	9.5	9.4	9.1	9.5	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.4	9.4	10.1	9.5
Monroe	9,649	9,708	9,690	9,820	9,550	9,720	9,790	9,620	9,720	9,660	9,720	9,750	9,710	9,600	9,610
	13.3	11.7	13.3	26.2	9.9	10.9	10.8	9.1	9.5	8.3	9.2	9.8	10.0	11.0	10.6
Montgomery	97,695	100,183	98,140	97,680	98,830	100,250	102,040	101,850	101,440	100,540	100,830	101,330	101,370	99,350	99,730
	7.6	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.0	6.3	6.5
Morgan	45,825	46,674	45,640	46,060	46,240	46,820	47,350	47,770	47,320	46,740	46,680	46,930	47,020	46,580	46,370
	10.0	8.5	9.2	10.1	8.2	9.3	7.8	8.8	8.2	7.3	7.2	8.6	7.5	8.8	8.0
Perry	5,444	5,363	5,330	5,340	5,290	5,390	5,460	5,470	5,420	5,360	5,330	5,290	5,320	5,170	5,040
	12.9	11.8	11.4	11.5	9.1	9.6	9.7	10.4	10.1	13.4	9.7	11.1	17.7	16.0	10.6
Pickens	7,558	7,268	7,300	7,270	7,180	7,300	7,340	7,330	7,320	7,250	7,200	7,150	7,160	7,120	7,060
	14.7	11.2	13.9	13.9	10.8	11.1	10.9	10.6	11.0	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.8	12.4	12.5
Pike	12,612	12,545	12,190	12,240	12,370	12,440	12,650	12,700	12,610	12,890	12,900	13,060	12,340	12,440	12,500
	8.6	7.0	8.1	7.8	6.5	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.4	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.2
Randolph	9,424	9,586	9,670	9,690	9,520	9,510	9,560	9,290	9,480	9,470	9,720	9,710	9,750	9,640	9,570
	9.2	6.4	6.6	7.0	5.6	5.8	6.4	8.3	7.3	6.7	5.6	5.3	5.6	6.2	5.9
Russell	22,641	22,475	22,200	22,110	22,530	22,520	22,770	22,430	22,430	22,430	22,350	22,540	23,110	21,990	22,080
	9.6	7.1	8.1	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.8	9.0	6.6	7.3
St Clair	20,610	21,388	21,030	21,180	21,360	21,480	21,520	21,460	21,410	21,440	21,480	21,580	21,630	21,390	21,350
	8.4	6.0	7.2	7.3	6.2	6.2	5.6	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.4
Shelby	37,153	40,103	39,400	39,380	39,840	40,170	40,600	40,510	40,290	40,370	40,320	40,420	40,520	39,800	39,670
	6.8	5.0	6.2	5.6	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6
Sumter	6,243	5,919	5,820	5,750	5,850	5,810	5,880	6,010	5,990	6,010	6,140	6,040	5,900	5,730	5,820
	21.0	12.6	14.1	14.7	11.8	10.8	13.2	13.7	13.2	10.5	11.0	11.6	11.6	11.9	11.4
Talladega	32,143	32,228	32,060	32,150	31,970	32,210	32,710	32,530	32,320	32,100	32,190	32,230	32,200	31,970	31,770
	12.4	9.6	11.6	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.4	8.2	8.8	8.5	9.7	9.3
Tallapoosa	19,101	18,992	18,690	18,780	18,760	18,960	19,470	19,150	19,120	19,010	19,030	19,070	19,140	18,760	18,950
	8.0	6.5	6.6	7.3	6.4	7.4	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.9
Tuscaloosa	68,452	69,623	69,020	68,820	69,770	69,660	68,720	68,500	69,480	70,220	70,570	70,850	70,970	69,760	69,720
	7.7	6.1	6.9	6.8	5.9	6.3	6.2	5.4	6.0	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.2	5.8
Walker	30,633	28,983	28,770	28,840	29,070	29,100	29,220	28,970	28,920	28,970	28,910	29,070	29,000	28,720	28,620
	15.2	11.0	13.1	12.8	11.6	11.3	10.9	10.1	10.0	9.8	9.5	10.1	9.6	11.0	10.6
Washington	5,594	5,719	5,510	5,740	5,370	5,560	5,890	5,820	5,780	5,770	5,860	5,870	5,910	5,870	5,860
	19.4	13.4	17.6	20.9	13.6	12.7	12.1	11.2	10.8	10.2	11.1	10.6	10.8	11.3	10.9
Wilcox	4,402	4,407	4,380	4,380	4,400	4,420	4,470	4,540	4,480	4,450	4,400	4,380	4,330	4,270	4,270
	16.8	12.6	12.7	11.9	12.5	13.0	12.8	13.6	14.3	13.2	11.7	11.0	11.1	12.9	12.1
Winston	10,288	9,883	9,580	9,560	9,690	9,880	10,120	10,160	10,210	9,940	10,060	9,900	9,860	9,950	9,940
	21.1	13.9	21.6	19.2	14.0	12.3	12.0	11.8	11.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	11.6	13.9	16.5
TRADE															
Foreign															
Imports, Total (C.I.F.)[5] Value (*$1,000*)	....	1,031,400	75,400	132,100	87,200	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	87,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	73,100	72,200
Exports, Total (F.A.S)[6] Value (*$1,000*)	....	1,849,400	144,400	177,700	146,900	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	149,000	174,800
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] (*1,000 tons*)	38,701	29,363	2,421	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848	....	....
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	26,789	28,038	2,073	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141	2,669	2,339
Gasoline sales[8] (*1,000 gallons*)	2,012,114	2,084,218	150,881	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724	155,061	....
New passenger car registrations[9] (*number*)	159,481	140,070	10,243	11,477	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545	10,042	10,374
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] (*$1,000,000*)															
Food	3,953	4,091	314	331	347	353	353	364	348	343	338	317	347	325	308
General merchandise	2,739	2,862	175	223	243	236	225	217	231	222	238	275	402	182	186
Apparel	793	852	51	69	75	64	64	61	73	69	72	79	123	48	50
Furniture, furnishings, etc	920	973	67	78	75	78	82	81	81	80	78	82	117	69	70
Automotive	3,960	4,014	287	344	363	360	379	378	394	352	318	278	313	285	322
Gasoline service stations	267	286	20	23	24	25	26	26	25	24	24	23	24	21	20
Lumber and building materials	1,518	1,673	105	140	156	151	156	157	150	149	151	131	123	94	111
Hardware and farm implements	218	228	14	18	20	21	19	20	20	20	21	19	21	14	16
Eating places	1,569	1,712	123	143	142	147	147	152	153	143	147	137	149	128	128
Drug stores	384	391	31	30	32	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46	35	34
All other retail	1,925	2,051	148	159	163	165	161	159	161	162	174	179	265	161	163
Total sales by retail concerns	18,246	19,132	1,334	1,558	1,640	1,634	1,644	1,648	1,666	1,595	1,593	1,551	1,929	1,362	1,407
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,568	2,746	197	220	229	232	236	239	246	246	243	232	231	195	199
Total all sales at retail	20,814	21,878	1,531	1,778	1,869	1,866	1,880	1,887	1,913	1,841	1,837	1,783	2,159	1,556	1,606

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987											1988	
	1986	1987	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	601,805	42,375	48,330	51,721	51,125	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,140	50,143	49,656	57,703	42,661	42,055
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,809,856	421,737	477,486	491,047	494,021	500,269	497,749	516,822	491,218	476,061	470,461	558,050	415,585	440,816
Dothan	686,890	693,561	50,137	57,729	60,453	58,782	60,350	60,926	60,114	57,215	56,773	54,607	66,808	46,472	47,979
Florence	685,562	718,032	50,217	56,485	62,244	61,316	60,984	61,892	62,590	59,799	59,719	59,622	73,600	47,419	49,618
Gadsden	497,223	524,145	36,165	43,060	44,588	44,024	45,135	46,691	45,361	43,347	44,972	42,512	51,545	38,931	38,195
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,301,552	91,013	106,739	111,971	111,961	111,420	111,657	114,038	108,766	109,253	107,019	125,805	90,971	98,251
Mobile	2,283,409	2,309,171	162,612	189,168	202,821	200,830	200,884	205,414	200,530	190,266	192,776	179,034	216,140	167,094	164,669
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,716,476	126,633	145,020	150,277	146,430	149,330	148,376	146,226	142,767	140,162	134,520	169,451	118,120	123,612
Tuscaloosa	717,147	739,046	51,593	58,811	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,746	58,314	72,465	52,521	51,296
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,218	8,665	10,617	10,664	10,397	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,192	10,427	9,075	10,343	8,462	8,838
Baldwin	368,427	372,653	25,396	31,265	33,290	34,251	34,905	37,619	34,167	29,821	29,837	26,070	30,416	24,401	25,718
Barbour	82,125	84,778	5,821	6,878	7,480	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,047	6,938	7,087	7,611	8,336	5,875	5,908
Bibb	49,910	51,636	3,650	4,436	4,411	4,620	4,489	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,398	4,404	4,888	3,647	3,485
Blount	101,329	110,294	7,237	8,506	9,819	10,289	9,600	9,994	9,526	9,169	9,516	9,055	9,966	7,761	7,736
Bullock	25,847	25,218	2,101	2,108	2,079	1,938	1,970	2,016	2,318	1,982	2,124	1,995	2,246	2,191	1,917
Butler	63,879	62,597	4,424	5,175	5,688	5,168	5,407	5,561	5,449	4,966	5,219	4,693	5,587	4,457	4,800
Calhoun	594,215	601,805	42,375	48,330	51,721	51,125	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,140	50,143	49,656	57,703	42,661	42,055
Chambers	116,896	125,587	8,741	9,917	11,279	10,511	11,010	11,245	11,184	10,575	11,142	10,132	11,295	9,556	8,923
Cherokee	50,392	51,173	3,502	4,192	4,715	4,476	4,548	4,516	4,117	4,884	4,092	3,995	4,495	3,626	4,083
Chilton	117,577	122,569	8,669	10,861	10,758	10,949	11,048	10,078	10,707	9,782	10,133	10,059	11,214	8,925	9,342
Choctaw	36,495	38,129	2,745	3,163	3,320	3,340	3,188	3,319	3,225	3,073	3,290	2,784	3,468	2,862	2,634
Clarke	106,904	104,472	7,322	8,191	8,909	9,151	9,330	9,260	8,927	8,765	8,993	8,029	9,756	7,362	7,314
Clay	30,626	31,918	2,356	2,402	2,556	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,532	2,665	2,636	2,691	2,096	2,466
Cleburne	24,013	26,917	1,895	2,228	2,061	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,358	2,070	2,205	1,830	2,067
Coffee	207,873	210,112	15,792	17,735	17,507	19,943	17,230	18,491	18,117	18,010	16,735	16,690	18,840	14,279	14,686
Colbert	265,879	293,486	20,536	22,129	25,991	25,177	26,036	25,615	25,895	25,975	25,057	24,456	26,734	19,165	20,874
Conecuh	33,825	32,319	2,310	2,917	2,958	2,799	2,718	2,771	2,805	2,571	2,578	2,478	2,572	2,161	1,985
Coosa	10,108	12,706	795	1,004	1,033	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,031	1,033	756	1,074
Covington	141,098	142,653	10,205	11,919	12,706	12,421	12,044	12,574	12,223	12,287	12,213	10,777	13,067	9,732	10,236
Crenshaw	38,643	40,254	3,059	3,392	3,045	2,926	3,764	3,505	3,857	3,388	3,230	3,133	3,584	2,960	2,845
Cullman	266,551	269,177	19,677	22,356	23,983	23,870	23,860	23,720	24,068	20,870	22,463	21,077	24,204	16,981	20,015
Dale	118,237	120,644	8,761	10,459	10,534	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,603	9,430	9,995	9,796	10,814	8,078	8,757
Dallas	211,690	219,121	15,210	17,661	19,273	19,199	19,017	18,954	19,550	18,090	18,427	17,821	20,535	14,696	15,148
DeKalb	200,558	215,536	13,570	16,462	21,125	18,755	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,707	18,242	17,561	19,238	15,641	15,661
Elmore	110,904	111,657	8,218	9,314	9,616	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,727	9,210	9,409	8,386	10,122	8,006	8,492
Escambia	140,786	136,355	10,194	11,330	11,953	11,834	11,857	11,841	11,940	11,305	11,186	10,781	12,452	9,354	9,672
Etowah	497,225	524,145	36,165	43,060	44,588	44,024	45,135	46,691	45,361	43,347	44,972	42,512	51,545	38,931	38,195
Fayette	69,143	66,585	5,471	5,204	5,701	5,279	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,956	5,343	6,843	4,238	4,070
Franklin	101,756	108,524	7,560	8,377	9,305	9,584	9,665	9,266	9,555	9,321	9,201	8,717	10,342	7,303	7,624
Geneva	141,556	131,087	10,402	11,341	11,431	11,152	11,715	11,232	11,127	11,124	9,962	10,193	10,829	9,433	9,174
Greene	18,569	18,633	1,405	1,619	1,756	1,750	1,615	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,359	1,414	1,396	1,286	1,071
Hale	32,720	30,303	2,394	2,484	2,712	2,653	2,852	2,791	2,833	2,524	2,133	2,161	2,451	2,115	1,947
Henry	38,200	41,241	2,911	3,531	3,818	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,472	3,568	3,000	3,652	2,867	2,872
Houston	568,657	572,917	41,376	47,270	49,919	48,350	49,743	50,567	49,511	47,785	46,778	44,811	55,994	38,394	39,222
Jackson	156,051	165,865	11,651	14,155	14,628	15,023	14,333	14,632	14,454	13,819	13,828	12,671	14,972	10,571	11,833
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,839,400	352,444	399,858	409,825	408,515	414,691	411,105	429,790	409,491	392,070	392,630	472,476	342,603	366,409
Lamar	38,627	37,097	2,547	2,854	3,164	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,587	2,913	3,069	2,454	2,428
Lauderdale	419,683	424,546	29,681	34,356	36,253	36,139	34,948	36,277	36,695	33,824	34,662	35,166	46,866	28,254	28,744
Lawrence	61,902	65,152	4,308	5,040	5,415	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,870	5,632	6,935	4,643	4,416
Lee	389,424	402,767	27,181	32,640	34,630	33,912	34,477	34,288	33,858	36,117	34,959	33,715	38,550	31,395	28,595
Limestone	186,763	195,835	13,299	16,622	16,857	16,954	17,124	17,312	17,819	16,112	16,179	15,313	18,216	16,993	14,211
Lowndes	22,608	21,632	1,550	1,784	1,811	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,973	1,886	1,528	1,581	2,154	1,382	1,629
Macon	49,138	53,471	3,733	4,560	4,757	4,677	4,733	4,617	5,039	4,744	4,060	3,753	4,523	4,105	3,948
Madison	1,242,238	1,301,552	91,013	106,739	111,971	111,961	111,420	111,657	114,038	108,766	109,253	107,019	125,805	90,971	98,251
Marengo	78,482	80,956	5,718	7,063	7,053	6,685	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,084	6,360	7,745	5,467	5,900
Marion	109,604	110,872	7,628	9,313	9,313	9,588	9,715	9,310	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,080	10,437	7,771	8,417
Marshall	413,348	427,201	29,623	36,093	37,450	37,808	36,974	37,075	37,694	35,512	36,112	35,501	39,203	28,450	30,713
Mobile	1,914,922	1,936,518	137,216	157,903	169,531	166,579	165,979	167,795	166,363	160,445	162,939	152,964	185,724	142,693	138,951
Monroe	76,622	72,913	5,339	6,013	5,956	6,242	6,244	6,641	6,391	6,014	5,814	5,900	7,104	5,269	5,189
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,482,601	109,750	125,089	129,997	126,453	128,258	127,061	125,390	123,365	120,326	117,059	148,986	101,652	106,282
Morgan	567,117	584,064	41,142	47,611	50,135	50,730	50,371	49,002	53,271	49,552	49,478	46,795	55,594	39,494	41,227
Perry	24,819	23,704	1,862	2,071	2,214	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,984	2,038	1,880	1,724	2,027	1,586	1,729
Pickens	44,711	42,219	3,259	3,640	3,746	3,701	3,786	3,995	3,687	3,411	3,514	2,959	3,621	2,648	2,946
Pike	109,036	114,987	7,809	9,555	10,095	9,764	9,617	9,710	9,969	9,898	9,918	9,239	10,985	8,657	8,150
Randolph	58,587	59,775	4,513	5,055	5,038	4,936	4,764	4,807	4,729	5,071	5,233	4,712	5,706	4,880	4,710
Russell	128,144	131,539	9,162	10,711	11,589	11,150	10,990	11,525	11,388	11,539	10,855	10,435	12,719	8,911	8,774
St. Clair	150,423	150,900	10,732	11,555	12,301	13,653	13,597	15,033	14,285	12,744	12,133	11,533	12,778	10,600	11,807
Shelby	314,788	347,718	25,902	28,239	28,504	29,540	30,988	30,388	29,999	30,375	31,148	28,122	29,644	27,607	26,539
Sumter	31,053	32,558	2,220	2,980	2,800	2,712	2,723	2,674	2,680	2,549	2,940	2,686	3,060	2,307	2,078
Talladega	275,222	298,520	20,175	24,320	25,849	28,859	25,550	27,914	25,797	24,390	24,576	22,948	28,260	21,229	21,664
Tallapoosa	147,115	152,960	10,902	12,951	13,143	13,997	14,273	13,291	13,446	11,887	12,543	11,972	13,479	10,770	11,504
Tuscaloosa	717,107	739,046	51,593	58,811	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,746	58,314	72,465	52,521	51,296
Walker	344,683	361,544	25,422	29,328	30,598	32,024	31,393	31,229	33,222	29,439	31,194	29,121	33,186	27,014	28,325
Washington	20,902	22,208	1,518	1,782	1,936	2,120	2,196	2,002	2,090	1,919	1,812	1,862	1,544	1,617	1,627
Wilcox	25,124	23,177	1,844	2,026	2,041	2,095	1,986	1,918	1,866	1,842	1,892	1,651	2,066	1,654	1,412
Winston	83,769	101,909	6,017	7,151	7,923	9,944	8,204	11,310	7,737	9,294	9,468	10,158	7,933	7,684	6,102
Statewide[10]	1,334,557	1,843,655	103,774	132,495	142,431	143,288	151,625	148,931	155,363	161,725	171,556	177,406	250,743	140,347	149,737

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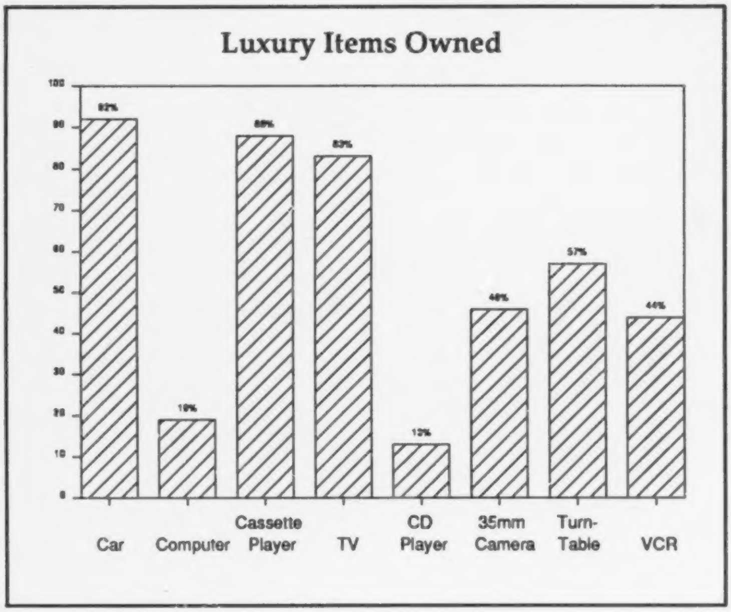

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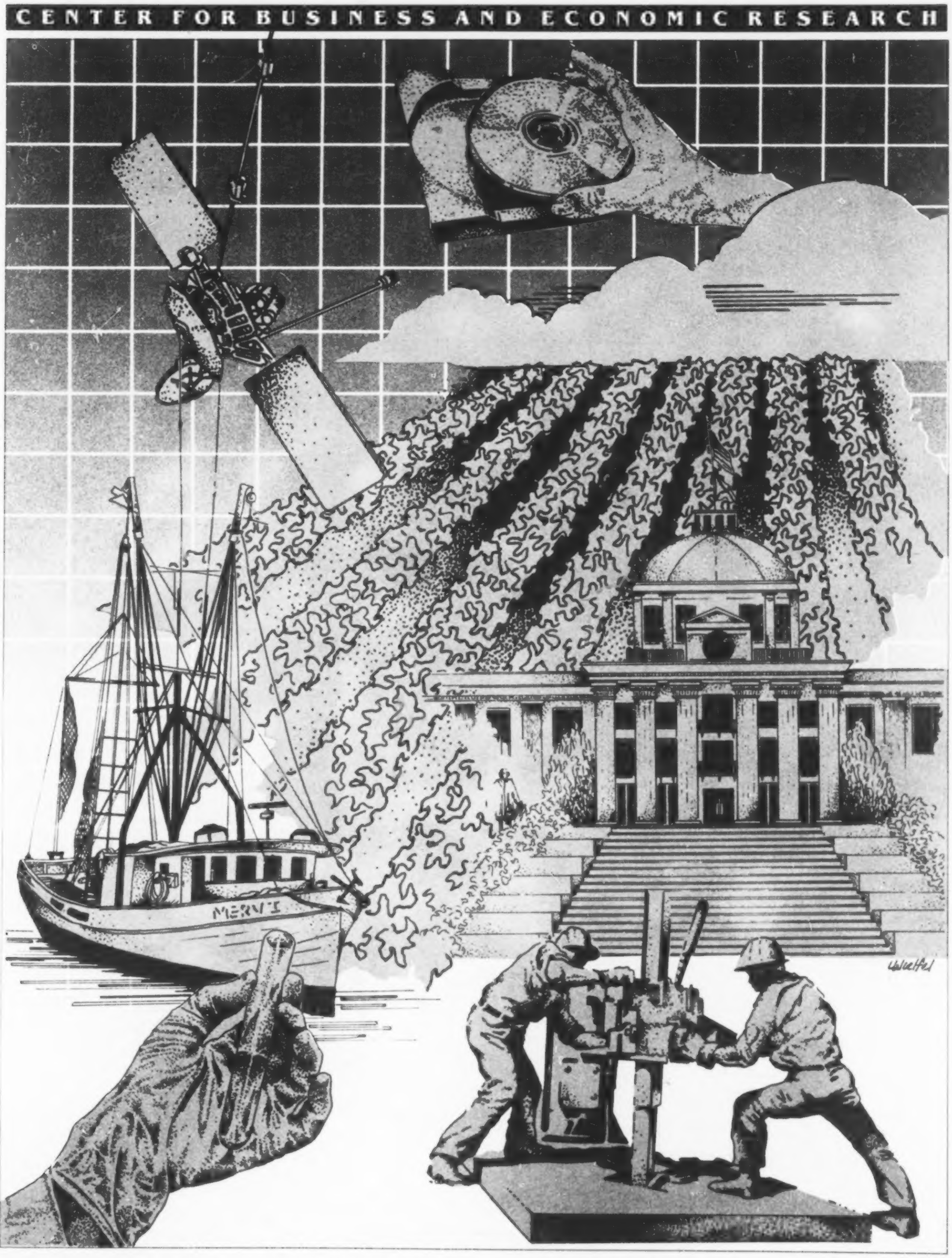

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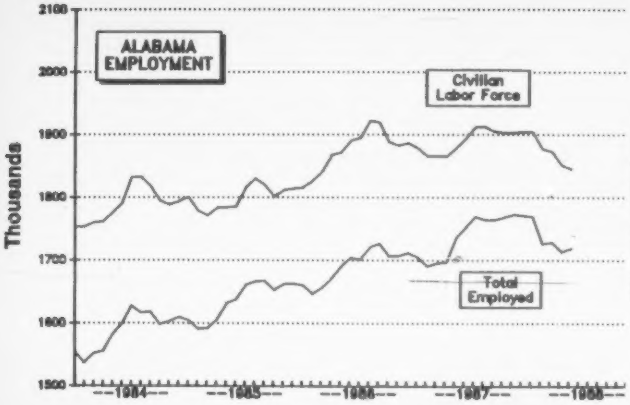

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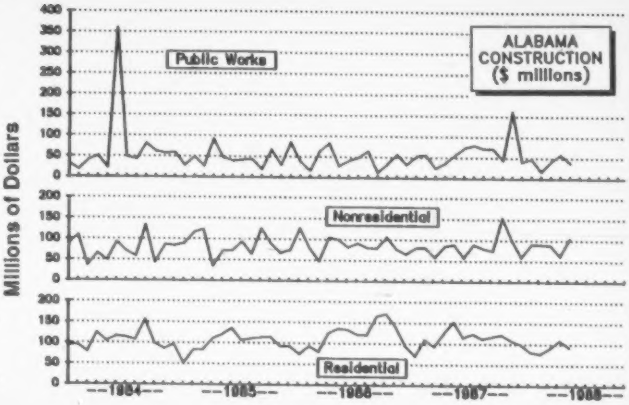

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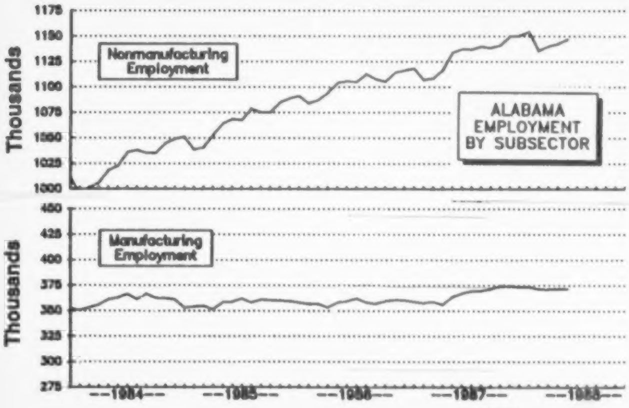

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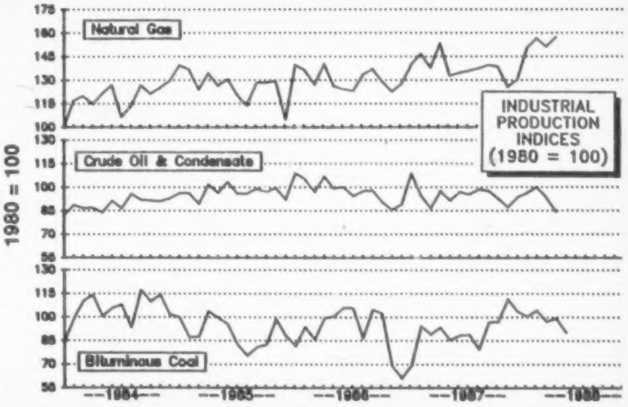

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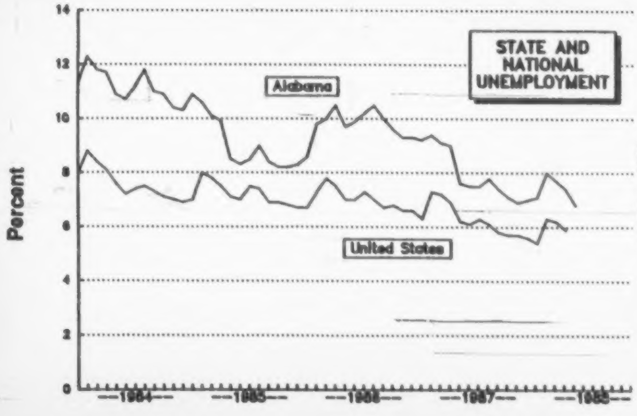

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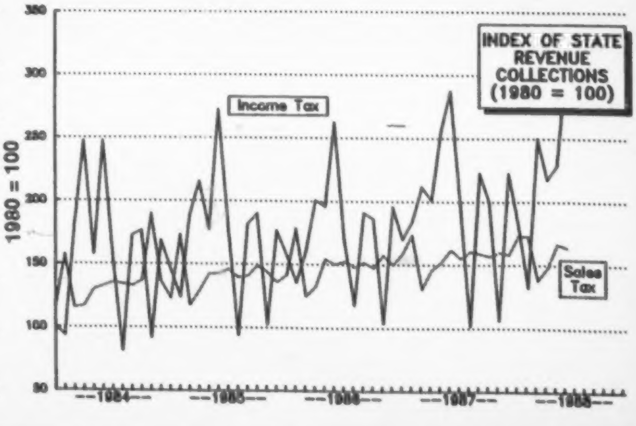

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987										1988		
	1986	1987	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (*1,000 net tons*)	23,895	24,870	2,059	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304	2,144	2,192
Natural gas production (*1,000,000 cu. ft.*)	146,936	155,990	14,400	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,087	14,686	14,177	14,751
Cotton consumption (*1,000 lbs.*)	419,377	483,311	40,832	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,926	41,055	46,023
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (*1,000 barrels*)	21,399	20,621	1,784	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827	1,703	1,544
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	23,314	24,675	1,982	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059	2,063	2,108
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (*1,000 net tons*)	6,485	6,904	582	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623	567	580
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] (*$1,000*)	2,984,600	3,128,300	262,600	265,000	247,100	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400	222,400	230,200
Residential	1,453,200	1,346,600	141,700	120,000	115,300	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500	91,300	109,200
Nonresidential	995,300	1,016,900	80,400	89,200	57,900	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100	88,600	62,100
Public works and utilities	536,100	764,700	36,400	55,800	73,700	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700	42,600	58,900
Cement consumption (*1,000 net tons*)	1,334	1,401	110	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76	98	130
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax (*$1,000*)															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	278,960	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813	254,571	294,974
Franchise	75,088	85,027	52,762	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808	3,883	52,928
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	15,226	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487	16,468	16,317
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	105,908	134,696	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466	131,668	114,508
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	4,201	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070	5,471	3,995
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	2,861	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666	2,835	3,582
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	826	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777	797	1,026
Sales	775,708	810,128	62,573	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133	59,345	63,508
2.2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	140	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521	160	29
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	3,842	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	5,469	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426	5,958	5,151	5,643
Use	84,390	88,397	742	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618	1,178	1,651
Utility	160,233	165,984	14,109	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721	14,550	14,865
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (*1982-84 = 100*)															
All items	109.6	113.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7	116.0	116.5
Percent change	1.1	4.3	.4	.5	.4	.4	.3	.5	.5	.3	.1	.0	.3	.3	.4
Food	108.9	113.5	112.5	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7	115.7	115.9
Housing	110.8	114.2	112.8	113.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2	116.6	117.0
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	101.5	101.3	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4	102.8	102.7
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	109.7	111.5	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4	110.2	114.3
Transportation	102.3	105.4	103.3	104.2	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1	106.8	106.5
Medical care	122.0	130.1	128.1	128.7	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.4	135.5	136.3
Energy	88.2	88.6	85.8	86.4	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4	87.0	86.5
Producer Price Index, U.S. (*1982 = 100*)															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	101.2	101.9	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.2	104.5	104.6	104.9
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	101.1	101.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.2	104.3	104.4	104.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices (*1982-84 = $1.000*)	.912	.880	.892	.887	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864	.862	.858
Wholesale prices (*1982 = $1.000*)	.998	.973	.988	.981	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.960	.957	.956	.953
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (*1,000 workers*)	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,865.1	1,878.9	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.0	1,872.9	1,851.3
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	167.6	142.7	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.6	144.2	137.5
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	9.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.0	7.7	7.4
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,697.5	1,736.2	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.4	1,728.7	1,713.8
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,473.2	1,497.6	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.1	1,511.4	1,514.5
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	356.1	363.7	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	373.4	371.4	371.3	371.8
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	173.0	175.8	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2	179.4	180.0
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	28.9	29.5	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4	29.2	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	25.0	25.9	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6	27.1	27.2
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	21.8	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1	21.9	21.8
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5	22.7	23.0
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	21.3	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9	22.9	22.9
Transportation	27.5	28.0	28.3	28.2	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8	27.7	27.9
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	17.3	17.6	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.1
Nondurable goods	184.6	190.2	183.1	187.9	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2	191.9	191.8
Food	29.9	31.0	29.8	29.7	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3	31.1	31.0
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	37.8	38.3	38.5	39.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.1	39.0
Apparel	54.3	56.1	51.4	56.2	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4	56.4	56.3
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	21.1	20.3	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.3
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.6
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.7
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,117.1	1,133.9	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7	1,140.1	1,142.7
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.2	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.3
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7
Contract construction	74.9	74.0	70.7	73.4	74.2	76.4	76.4	76.6	75.4	76.5	74.5	74.4	70.9	72.0	72.9
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.7	72.5	72.0	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.1	73.1	72.9	72.6	72.3	72.3	71.8	72.0	72.1
Trade	319.6	332.0	321.9	329.8	332.2	333.5	333.4	334.2	335.0	337.0	340.0	344.8	334.2	332.0	331.9
Wholesale	77.1	78.4	77.7	78.2	78.5	79.2	78.9	78.7	78.9	79.1	78.7	78.9	78.5	78.6	78.8
Retail	242.5	253.6	244.2	251.6	253.7	254.3	254.5	255.5	256.1	257.9	261.3	265.9	255.7	253.4	253.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	69.1	70.5	69.9	70.5	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.3	70.9	70.4	70.0	70.2	69.5	69.6	69.8
Service and miscellaneous	259.0	274.8	270.5	273.9	274.1	276.6	277.5	278.1	279.7	279.4	278.7	278.7	276.1	278.4	280.6
Government	298.0	299.6	300.9	302.3	302.4	294.5	297.5	293.7	295.7	302.3	303.4	302.5	301.7	304.6	304.1
Federal	64.1	66.0	65.0	65.3	65.4	66.2	66.4	66.6	66.5	67.1	67.3	67.2	66.6	66.6	65.9
State and local	233.9	233.6	235.9	237.0	237.0	228.3	231.1	227.1	229.2	235.2	236.1	235.3	235.1	238.0	238.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987										1988		
	1986	1987	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT cont.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	18,244	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	18,002	18,643	18,969
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	6,585	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	5,849	6,311	8,571
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	425,763	349,204	31,618	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	58,703	25,736	25,183
Payments *($1,000)*	186,826	165,953	17,109	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	15,539	13,021	13,984
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,694	16,116	15,830	16,050	16,270	16,440	16,280	16,200	16,160	16,040	16,090	16,090	15,770	15,830	15,610
	7.9	7.0	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.6
Baldwin	38,264	39,863	40,690	39,570	39,880	40,220	40,030	39,800	40,000	39,650	39,750	40,330	39,450	39,680	39,180
	8.9	7.6	11.2	6.9	6.5	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.6	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.6
Barbour	11,903	11,648	11,580	11,570	11,600	11,870	11,620	11,510	11,530	11,630	11,780	11,650	11,370	11,370	11,130
	9.5	8.0	8.7	8.5	7.6	8.4	7.9	7.5	7.8	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.9	7.7	8.0
Bibb	7,273	7,278	7,070	7,180	7,240	7,330	7,440	7,400	7,360	7,340	7,350	7,310	7,210	7,080	7,040
	13.3	11.1	12.2	9.9	10.3	8.9	10.3	9.7	10.8	9.3	10.5	12.8	14.0	10.5	9.7
Blount	16,682	17,620	17,660	17,720	17,700	17,740	17,580	17,650	17,670	17,500	17,540	17,810	17,820	17,710	17,490
	9.0	7.3	9.8	8.1	7.5	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.3	5.6	6.7	9.1	8.4	8.0
Bullock	3,971	3,801	3,660	3,650	3,660	3,910	3,980	3,920	3,820	3,870	3,880	3,900	3,780	3,680	3,690
	17.3	14.4	13.2	12.3	11.5	14.1	16.4	16.1	13.7	13.5	14.6	15.5	15.4	16.2	13.8
Butler	9,382	9,599	9,590	9,430	9,610	9,680	9,820	9,700	9,640	9,590	9,540	9,500	9,260	9,210	9,040
	11.7	10.6	12.3	8.6	9.6	10.1	12.2	12.2	10.6	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.9	10.3	10.9
Calhoun	51,892	51,596	51,380	51,150	51,480	51,680	51,740	51,730	51,380	51,800	51,850	52,010	51,900	51,400	50,810
	9.6	7.8	10.2	8.1	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.6	8.0	7.8	7.6
Chambers	17,241	17,510	16,980	17,170	17,200	17,650	17,790	17,870	17,940	17,850	17,850	17,750	17,400	17,480	17,300
	8.6	5.9	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9
Cherokee	7,768	7,970	7,700	8,010	8,020	8,270	8,160	8,040	8,070	8,090	8,090	7,900	7,950	7,870	7,800
	13.5	8.7	16.1	9.1	8.6	8.3	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.9	9.2	7.5	6.6
Chilton	15,723	15,588	15,480	15,300	15,670	15,810	15,670	15,590	15,550	15,570	15,670	15,510	15,360	15,210	15,030
	10.6	9.5	10.9	9.4	9.4	8.3	9.4	8.7	7.9	7.1	8.9	9.3	9.8	8.4	7.4
Choctaw	7,481	7,003	7,020	6,960	6,950	7,130	7,150	7,200	7,050	7,090	7,070	6,960	7,060	6,920	6,820
	14.9	10.0	17.3	9.7	8.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.8	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.2	8.8
Clarke	11,363	11,461	11,220	11,270	11,230	11,430	11,500	11,430	11,440	11,680	11,800	11,780	11,680	11,560	11,350
	11.4	11.2	16.6	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.1	11.5	12.6	13.8	13.5	13.3	12.1
Clay	6,358	6,146	6,120	6,070	6,080	6,030	6,160	6,100	6,070	6,330	6,310	6,310	6,250	6,230	6,180
	15.0	8.9	19.0	8.8	8.8	9.2	8.6	7.5	6.4	6.0	5.7	7.0	8.3	7.4	7.8
Cleburne	5,719	5,431	5,450	5,500	5,500	5,380	5,400	5,310	5,300	5,330	5,330	5,350	5,430	5,310	5,330
	8.8	7.2	10.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.8	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.6	8.6	7.4	7.4
Coffee	17,625	17,960	17,420	17,890	18,230	18,350	18,210	18,290	18,250	18,190	18,230	17,950	17,610	17,610	17,590
	8.8	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.7	6.6	6.7
Colbert	24,628	23,872	23,850	23,770	24,070	24,040	23,930	23,870	23,750	23,680	23,550	23,760	23,430	23,470	22,990
	13.9	10.2	11.7	10.2	10.3	9.4	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.3	11.1	10.3	9.6
Conecuh	6,458	6,009	6,420	6,140	6,120	6,000	5,970	5,850	5,770	5,780	5,810	5,810	5,700	5,690	5,620
	16.0	16.0	23.8	15.9	16.2	16.2	14.9	13.4	12.6	12.0	12.9	12.1	12.7	12.2	12.3
Coosa	4,760	4,988	4,960	4,900	4,990	4,960	5,000	4,980	4,980	5,030	5,060	5,000	4,960	4,970	4,930
	8.0	5.5	6.3	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.7	4.9	5.7	6.2	5.6
Covington	17,224	17,413	16,940	17,200	17,440	17,570	17,740	17,470	17,390	17,750	17,690	17,680	17,460	17,440	17,170
	10.7	7.5	8.7	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.7	8.2
Crenshaw	6,187	6,538	6,330	6,460	6,550	6,730	6,670	6,620	6,610	6,670	6,660	6,570	6,470	6,430	6,330
	9.0	9.2	16.0	7.9	8.1	7.7	8.6	8.1	7.0	7.7	8.3	9.1	8.7	8.0	8.1
Cullman	31,390	31,713	31,100	31,290	31,970	32,240	32,220	32,110	31,910	31,810	31,820	31,890	31,410	31,100	30,830
	9.4	7.7	8.6	7.8	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.5	6.8	7.4	8.8	8.3	7.8
Dale	16,753	17,831	17,350	17,420	17,610	17,800	18,080	18,090	18,140	18,260	18,290	18,190	18,020	17,880	17,860
	10.1	7.5	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.3	6.5	7.3	7.2	7.4
Dallas	23,022	21,371	20,920	21,710	21,620	21,990	22,040	21,640	21,480	21,010	20,720	20,650	20,570	20,580	20,050
	15.9	14.6	13.1	15.5	15.4	15.8	16.2	15.6	15.0	13.7	13.0	12.5	13.8	13.9	12.9
DeKalb	28,748	29,014	28,080	28,470	29,110	29,630	29,780	29,600	29,290	29,190	29,250	29,250	28,780	28,770	28,360
	10.0	7.8	10.0	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.9	8.3	7.9	7.8
Elmore	21,013	21,000	20,430	20,730	20,990	21,400	21,340	21,260	21,140	21,130	21,170	21,250	20,950	20,970	20,690
	6.9	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.5	6.3	6.3	6.2
Escambia	17,061	16,782	17,530	16,720	16,690	16,750	16,830	16,810	16,580	16,400	16,470	16,380	16,240	16,230	16,060
	11.5	10.4	15.1	10.1	9.5	9.7	9.4	9.6	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.9	9.9
Etowah	43,954	43,120	42,810	42,840	42,990	43,460	43,630	43,490	43,180	42,870	43,010	43,060	42,620	42,200	41,490
	13.0	9.2	11.9	9.4	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.9	9.4	8.6	8.0
Fayette	8,028	7,636	7,600	7,730	7,740	7,630	7,530	7,560	7,640	7,590	7,600	7,580	7,450	7,420	7,270
	13.8	10.6	11.7	10.8	10.8	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.4	10.1	9.2	8.9	10.7	10.3	9.1
Franklin	15,310	15,130	15,260	15,210	15,260	15,440	15,280	15,020	14,910	14,860	14,910	14,740	14,570	14,410	14,170
	13.6	10.1	11.8	9.8	9.5	9.1	9.0	7.8	7.8	8.9	10.1	11.4	13.8	11.4	10.6
Geneva	11,047	10,443	10,350	10,400	10,480	10,880	10,680	10,360	10,260	10,640	10,350	10,230	9,860	9,910	9,960
	8.5	6.2	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.3	6.4	5.5	6.1
Greene	3,733	3,743	3,830	3,690	3,650	3,780	3,840	3,840	3,770	3,710	3,730	3,680	3,720	3,790	3,560
	15.9	15.3	17.7	12.5	12.1	16.9	17.4	17.7	16.4	15.4	13.3	12.6	15.6	16.8	12.2
Hale	5,986	6,105	6,040	6,060	6,170	6,260	6,120	6,130	6,190	6,110	6,110	6,130	6,050	6,050	6,050
	10.7	8.2	9.3	7.7	7.1	9.4	7.8	6.9	7.9	7.0	7.3	8.7	10.1	8.5	7.8
Henry	6,631	6,786	6,570	6,810	6,950	6,930	6,890	6,810	6,810	6,820	6,840	6,740	6,390	6,450	6,330
	9.7	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.5	5.7	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.6
Houston	39,734	40,014	39,030	39,360	39,760	40,260	40,500	40,400	40,590	40,530	40,690	40,920	40,520	40,230	39,980
	8.3	5.8	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.5
Jackson	20,968	20,929	20,480	20,700	20,900	21,030	20,800	20,950	20,880	21,400	21,420	21,470	21,480	21,230	20,780
	14.7	9.4	9.9	8.5	8.6	9.8	9.7	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.6	10.0	11.4	10.9
Jefferson	335,634	338,868	332,130	337,000	337,330	340,790	343,150	341,770	342,340	341,440	341,320	341,460	334,890	335,140	331,800
	7.7	6.6	7.0	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.0
Lamar	8,856	8,675	8,700	8,620	8,780	8,830	8,780	8,640	8,520	8,560	8,610	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,310
	8.9	6.9	7.7	6.4	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.2	7.1	6.8	5.7
Lauderdale	37,027	36,490	36,400	36,230	36,600	36,970	36,930	36,740	36,460	36,410	36,360	36,260	35,820	35,930	35,360
	11.6	8.2	9.4	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.4	7.9	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.0	9.0	8.3	8.0
Lawrence	12,632	11,918	12,000	11,900	12,100	12,140	12,140	11,830	11,770	11,740	11,850	11,700	11,860	11,640	11,320
	14.6	12.7	14.8	12.6	12.8	12.4	13.4	11.9	10.7	10.4	12.5	11.9	14.9	13.2	11.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987										1988		
	1986	1987	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	38,124 7.7	38,259 5.4	37,500 6.0	38,640 5.5	39,080 5.7	38,330 5.5	37,980 5.9	37,770 5.3	37,820 4.6	38,550 4.5	39,180 4.5	38,770 4.8	38,110 5.2	37,780 5.0	37,200 5.3
Limestone	29,806 8.9	30,096 6.5	29,700 7.3	29,670 6.4	30,320 6.7	29,780 6.2	29,720 7.5	29,750 6.0	30,510 5.6	30,760 5.3	30,970 5.6	30,200 5.8	29,900 7.3	30,030 6.7	29,810 6.6
Lowndes	4,525 15.8	4,688 19.3	4,540 14.5	4,550 15.2	4,760 21.9	4,690 23.5	4,600 24.4	4,720 22.9	4,780 21.3	4,830 20.3	4,920 18.6	4,870 17.8	4,630 19.2	4,640 19.0	4,650 17.8
Macon	10,693 9.0	10,563 6.7	10,500 5.9	10,380 5.3	10,520 6.1	10,660 6.8	10,830 7.8	10,740 7.5	10,590 7.3	10,540 6.7	10,560 7.0	10,490 7.1	10,390 8.2	10,330 7.5	10,240 7.5
Madison	126,253 7.2	130,399 5.2	127,340 6.0	128,760 5.2	129,860 5.0	131,540 5.0	131,990 5.3	131,290 4.8	131,960 4.6	132,490 4.7	132,430 4.6	133,180 4.6	130,660 5.5	130,320 5.2	129,160 5.1
Marengo	10,045 11.1	9,838 8.4	9,930 14.9	9,690 8.1	9,800 7.8	10,080 7.3	9,980 7.4	9,870 7.1	9,870 7.0	9,860 7.3	9,890 7.6	9,770 7.5	9,590 8.3	9,610 8.1	9,400 7.7
Marion	16,083 14.3	15,548 10.7	15,500 15.4	15,450 9.9	15,480 9.3	15,720 9.4	15,760 10.8	15,730 9.3	15,520 7.9	15,540 7.8	15,500 8.4	15,570 10.5	15,890 14.0	15,760 13.3	15,270 9.9
Marshall	37,011 11.8	37,288 7.9	36,810 9.2	36,660 7.8	37,510 7.6	37,560 7.5	37,930 7.4	37,460 7.0	37,430 6.6	37,610 6.7	37,530 7.4	37,790 8.3	37,700 9.9	37,260 8.5	37,100 7.8
Mobile	172,880 11.1	172,319 9.7	168,540 9.5	171,680 9.4	173,210 9.1	176,100 9.5	175,770 9.9	174,230 9.7	174,240 9.6	172,860 9.8	171,200 9.4	171,760 9.4	168,910 10.1	168,720 9.5	167,530 9.7
Monroe	9,649 13.3	9,708 11.7	9,820 26.2	9,550 9.9	9,720 10.9	9,790 10.8	9,620 9.1	9,720 9.5	9,660 8.3	9,720 9.2	9,750 9.8	9,710 10.0	9,600 11.0	9,610 10.6	9,460 9.8
Montgomery	97,695 7.6	100,183 6.5	97,680 6.6	98,830 6.1	100,250 6.5	102,040 6.4	101,850 6.7	101,440 6.6	100,540 6.3	100,830 6.2	101,330 6.4	101,370 6.0	99,350 6.3	99,730 6.5	98,350 6.4
Morgan	45,825 10.0	46,674 8.5	46,060 10.1	46,240 8.2	46,820 9.3	47,350 7.8	47,770 8.8	47,320 8.2	46,740 7.3	46,680 7.2	46,930 8.6	47,020 7.5	46,580 8.8	46,370 8.0	46,100 7.8
Perry	5,444 12.9	5,363 11.8	5,340 11.5	5,290 9.1	5,390 9.6	5,460 9.7	5,470 10.4	5,420 10.1	5,360 13.4	5,330 9.7	5,290 11.1	5,320 17.7	5,170 16.0	5,040 10.6	4,960 10.5
Pickens	7,558 14.7	7,268 11.2	7,270 13.9	7,180 10.8	7,300 11.1	7,340 10.9	7,330 10.6	7,320 11.0	7,250 9.4	7,200 9.0	7,150 9.0	7,160 9.8	7,120 12.4	7,060 12.5	6,960 11.3
Pike	12,612 8.6	12,545 7.0	12,240 7.8	12,370 6.5	12,440 6.7	12,650 7.1	12,700 7.3	12,610 7.4	12,890 6.7	12,900 6.1	13,060 6.1	12,340 6.5	12,440 6.3	12,500 6.2	12,360 6.0
Randolph	9,424 9.2	9,586 6.4	9,690 7.0	9,520 5.6	9,510 5.8	9,560 6.4	9,290 8.3	9,480 7.3	9,470 6.7	9,720 5.6	9,710 5.3	9,750 5.6	9,640 6.2	9,570 5.9	9,370 5.8
Russell	22,641 9.6	22,475 7.1	22,110 7.5	22,530 7.5	22,520 7.0	22,770 6.8	22,430 6.6	22,430 6.5	22,430 6.2	22,350 5.5	22,540 5.8	23,110 9.0	21,990 6.6	22,080 7.3	21,740 7.2
St. Clair	20,610 8.4	21,388 6.0	21,180 7.3	21,360 6.2	21,480 6.2	21,520 5.6	21,460 5.4	21,410 5.1	21,440 4.9	21,480 5.0	21,580 5.5	21,630 5.5	21,390 5.5	21,350 6.4	21,120 6.2
Shelby	37,153 6.8	40,103 5.0	39,380 5.6	39,840 4.7	40,170 5.0	40,600 5.3	40,510 5.0	40,290 4.5	40,370 4.3	40,320 4.1	40,420 4.5	40,520 4.4	39,800 4.4	39,670 4.6	39,200 4.3
Sumter	6,243 21.0	5,919 12.6	5,750 14.7	5,850 11.8	5,810 10.8	5,880 13.2	6,010 13.7	5,990 13.2	6,010 10.5	6,140 11.0	6,040 11.6	5,900 11.6	5,730 11.9	5,820 11.4	5,630 10.1
Talladega	32,143 12.4	32,228 9.6	32,150 11.4	31,970 9.7	32,210 9.2	32,710 9.3	32,530 9.3	32,320 9.0	32,100 8.4	32,190 8.2	32,230 8.8	32,200 8.5	31,970 9.7	31,770 9.3	31,370 9.4
Tallapoosa	19,101 8.0	18,992 6.5	18,780 7.3	18,760 6.4	18,960 7.4	19,470 6.6	19,150 6.6	19,120 6.4	19,010 6.1	19,030 5.7	19,070 6.0	19,140 5.8	18,760 6.4	18,950 6.9	18,520 6.5
Tuscaloosa	68,450 7.7	69,623 6.1	68,820 6.8	69,770 5.9	69,660 6.3	68,720 6.2	68,500 6.4	69,480 6.0	70,220 5.5	70,570 5.2	70,850 5.3	70,970 5.4	69,760 6.2	69,720 5.8	69,140 5.8
Walker	30,633 15.2	28,983 11.0	28,840 12.8	29,070 11.6	29,100 11.3	29,220 10.9	28,970 10.1	28,920 10.0	28,970 9.8	28,910 9.5	29,070 10.1	29,000 9.6	28,720 11.0	28,620 10.6	28,130 9.7
Washington	5,594 19.4	5,719 13.4	5,740 20.9	5,370 13.6	5,560 12.7	5,890 12.1	5,820 11.2	5,780 10.8	5,770 10.2	5,860 11.1	5,870 10.6	5,910 10.8	5,870 11.3	5,860 10.9	5,810 10.1
Wilcox	4,402 16.8	4,407 12.6	4,380 11.9	4,400 12.5	4,420 13.0	4,470 12.8	4,540 13.6	4,480 14.3	4,450 13.2	4,400 11.7	4,380 11.0	4,330 11.1	4,270 12.9	4,270 12.1	4,210 12.2
Winston	10,288 21.1	9,883 13.9	9,560 19.2	9,690 14.0	9,880 12.3	10,120 12.0	10,160 11.8	10,210 11.2	9,940 10.3	10,060 10.4	9,900 10.6	9,860 11.6	9,950 13.9	9,940 16.5	9,790 13.4
TRADE															
Foreign															
Imports, Total (C.I.F.)[6] Value (*$1,000*)	....	1,031,400	132,100	87,200	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	87,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	73,100	72,200	....
Exports, Total (F.A.S)[6] Value (*$1,000*)	....	1,849,400	177,700	146,900	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	149,000	174,800	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] (*1,000 tons*)	38,701	29,363	3,023	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848	2,567	2,508	2,507
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	26,789	28,038	2,024	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141	2,669	2,339	2,162
Gasoline sales[8] (*1,000 gallons*)	2,012,114	2,084,218	171,345	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724	155,061	154,506	....
New passenger car registrations[9] (*number*)	159,481	140,070	[illegible]	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545	10,042	10,374	11,805
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] (*$1,000,000*)															
Food	3,953	4,092	331	347	353	353	364	348	343	338	317	347	327	310	279
General merchandise	2,739	2,862	223	243	236	225	217	231	222	238	275	402	182	187	249
Apparel	793	853	69	75	64	64	61	73	69	72	79	123	50	52	79
Furniture, furnishings, etc	920	974	78	75	78	82	81	81	80	79	83	118	70	71	82
Automotive	3,960	4,014	344	361	360	379	378	394	351	319	279	314	286	329	374
Gasoline service stations	267	286	23	24	25	26	26	25	24	24	23	24	21	21	23
Lumber and building materials	1,518	1,674	140	156	151	156	157	150	149	151	132	123	94	113	149
Hardware and farm implements	218	228	18	20	21	19	20	20	20	21	18	21	14	16	19
Eating places	1,569	1,713	143	142	147	147	152	153	143	147	138	150	129	130	148
Drug stores	384	391	30	32	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46	35	34	30
All other retail	1,925	2,054	159	163	165	161	160	161	162	175	180	266	161	164	180
Total sales by retail concerns	18,246	19,140	1,558	1,637	1,635	1,644	1,648	1,667	1,595	1,595	1,553	1,934	1,370	1,427	1,611
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,568	2,749	220	229	232	236	239	247	246	244	233	232	196	208	241
Total all sales at retail	20,814	21,869	1,778	1,866	1,867	1,880	1,887	1,914	1,841	1,839	1,786	2,165	1,566	1,634	1,852

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987										1988		
	1986	1987	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	601,988	48,330	51,729	51,125	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,152	50,154	49,692	57,819	42,854	42,362	49,292
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,814,468	477,486	491,252	494,581	500,277	497,698	516,919	492,115	476,543	471,643	559,282	417,709	447,822	492,076
Dothan	686,890	694,209	57,729	60,454	58,784	60,350	60,926	60,122	57,215	56,868	54,712	67,245	46,693	48,737	59,748
Florence	685,562	718,311	56,485	62,245	61,316	60,993	61,906	62,609	59,819	59,777	59,678	73,702	47,592	50,321	59,503
Gadsden	497,223	524,563	43,060	44,590	44,099	45,141	46,691	45,408	43,375	45,067	42,567	51,655	38,454	38,947	47,347
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,301,804	106,739	111,997	111,961	111,257	111,765	114,044	108,766	109,253	107,054	126,045	91,380	99,623	115,989
Mobile	2,283,409	2,310,305	189,168	202,823	200,830	200,885	205,422	200,634	190,440	192,952	179,416	216,427	167,550	166,117	170,699
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,718,533	145,020	150,481	146,441	149,353	148,469	146,192	142,846	140,401	134,625	170,788	120,022	125,584	143,527
Tuscaloosa	717,147	739,441	58,811	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,746	58,346	72,828	52,847	56,259	61,664
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,239	10,617	10,664	10,401	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,192	10,429	9,077	10,356	8,471	8,903	10,069
Baldwin	368,427	373,469	31,265	33,290	34,251	34,905	37,619	34,270	29,984	29,960	26,368	30,545	24,537	26,132	26,906
Barbour	82,125	84,858	6,878	7,480	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,055	6,940	7,090	7,628	8,386	5,918	5,972	6,470
Bibb	49,910	51,649	4,436	4,411	4,620	4,489	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,399	4,405	4,897	3,652	3,509	3,889
Blount	101,329	110,357	8,506	9,919	10,289	9,600	9,994	9,526	9,169	9,516	9,066	10,018	7,763	7,782	9,116
Bullock	25,847	25,239	2,108	2,079	1,938	1,970	2,016	2,318	1,982	2,132	2,004	2,250	2,195	1,931	1,858
Butler	63,879	62,637	5,175	5,688	5,168	5,407	5,561	5,449	4,966	5,219	4,711	5,609	4,458	4,817	4,734
Calhoun	594,215	601,988	48,330	51,729	51,125	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,152	50,154	49,692	57,819	42,854	42,362	49,292
Chambers	116,896	125,610	9,917	11,279	10,511	11,010	11,254	11,191	10,575	11,145	10,136	11,295	9,572	8,975	10,315
Cherokee	50,392	51,200	4,192	4,715	4,476	4,548	4,516	4,117	4,884	4,114	3,996	4,499	3,643	4,116	4,958
Chilton	117,577	122,599	10,861	10,758	10,949	11,049	10,079	10,707	9,783	10,137	10,061	11,235	8,954	9,384	10,371
Choctaw	36,495	38,168	3,163	3,320	3,340	3,188	3,319	3,229	3,076	3,291	2,806	3,477	2,869	2,732	2,875
Clarke	106,904	104,560	8,191	8,909	9,151	9,330	9,280	8,927	8,772	8,993	8,047	9,819	7,367	7,396	7,451
Clay	30,626	31,949	2,402	2,556	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,532	2,673	2,647	2,703	2,115	2,490	2,613
Cleburne	24,013	26,920	2,228	2,061	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,358	2,070	2,208	1,841	2,131	2,244
Coffee	207,873	210,046	17,735	17,960	19,943	17,230	18,495	18,701	16,921	16,643	16,697	18,907	14,324	14,861	16,809
Colbert	265,879	293,704	22,129	25,991	25,177	26,045	25,629	25,914	25,995	25,102	24,497	26,804	19,270	21,427	27,193
Conecuh	33,825	32,417	2,917	2,958	2,799	2,727	2,770	2,804	2,570	2,580	2,478	2,662	2,277	2,026	2,316
Coosa	10,108	12,706	1,004	1,033	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,031	1,033	766	1,100	1,055
Covington	141,098	142,692	11,919	12,715	12,421	12,044	12,574	12,224	12,289	12,214	10,789	13,081	9,746	10,287	11,544
Crenshaw	38,643	40,363	3,392	3,059	2,942	3,778	3,519	3,872	3,390	3,232	3,149	3,600	2,974	2,855	3,436
Cullman	266,551	269,210	22,356	23,983	23,870	23,860	23,720	24,068	20,870	22,473	21,077	24,227	17,007	20,296	23,832
Dale	118,237	120,986	10,459	10,535	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,603	9,430	10,057	9,831	11,058	8,110	8,804	9,075
Dallas	211,690	219,294	17,661	19,273	19,199	19,028	18,954	19,569	18,097	18,441	17,866	20,612	14,738	15,370	16,764
DeKalb	200,558	212,035	16,462	17,573	18,755	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,710	18,251	17,567	19,271	15,672	16,072	18,488
Elmore	110,904	111,760	9,314	9,616	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,727	9,216	9,423	8,416	10,175	8,059	8,606	8,293
Escambia	140,786	136,430	11,330	11,953	11,834	11,857	11,841	11,957	11,309	11,194	10,789	12,490	9,425	9,779	10,912
Etowah	497,225	524,563	43,060	44,590	44,099	45,141	46,691	45,408	43,375	45,067	42,567	51,655	38,454	38,947	47,347
Fayette	69,143	66,585	5,204	5,701	5,279	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,956	5,343	6,843	4,242	4,806	4,534
Franklin	101,756	108,565	8,377	9,329	9,584	9,665	9,266	9,555	9,322	9,204	8,719	10,353	7,321	7,724	9,435
Geneva	141,556	131,167	11,341	11,453	11,152	11,715	11,232	11,127	11,131	9,969	10,203	10,863	9,451	9,229	10,131
Greene	18,569	18,647	1,619	1,756	1,750	1,615	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,360	1,417	1,406	1,297	1,367	1,463
Hale	32,720	30,307	2,484	2,712	2,653	2,852	2,791	2,833	2,524	2,133	2,161	2,455	2,124	1,964	2,031
Henry	38,200	41,264	3,531	3,818	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,476	3,572	3,001	3,666	2,882	2,926	3,345
Houston	568,657	573,223	47,270	49,919	48,352	49,743	50,567	49,519	47,785	46,811	44,881	56,187	38,583	39,933	50,673
Jackson	156,051	166,016	14,155	14,628	15,023	14,333	14,632	14,454	13,819	13,828	12,693	15,101	10,653	12,002	14,415
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,841,432	399,858	409,830	408,525	414,695	411,120	429,840	409,565	392,282	393,545	473,223	344,359	372,814	409,056
Lamar	38,627	37,097	2,854	3,164	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,587	2,913	3,069	2,454	2,450	2,776
Lauderdale	419,683	424,607	34,356	36,254	36,139	34,948	36,277	36,695	33,824	34,675	35,181	46,898	28,322	28,894	32,310
Lawrence	61,902	65,186	5,040	5,415	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,875	5,638	6,958	4,678	4,478	5,607
Lee	389,424	402,910	32,840	34,630	33,912	34,477	34,288	33,858	36,117	34,959	33,722	38,686	31,476	28,931	33,036
Limestone	186,763	195,861	16,622	16,857	16,954	17,124	17,312	17,819	16,112	16,180	15,322	18,232	17,021	14,406	19,380
Lowndes	22,608	21,653	1,784	1,811	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,973	1,893	1,533	1,586	2,158	1,390	1,645	1,524
Macon	49,138	53,521	4,560	4,757	4,677	4,734	4,622	5,042	4,746	4,061	3,772	4,542	4,115	4,076	3,929
Madison	1,242,238	1,301,804	106,739	111,997	111,961	111,257	111,765	114,044	108,766	109,253	107,054	126,045	91,380	99,623	115,989
Marengo	78,482	81,037	7,063	7,053	6,685	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,114	6,392	7,764	5,540	5,981	6,604
Marion	109,604	110,872	9,313	9,313	9,588	9,715	9,310	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,080	10,437	7,784	8,429	9,220
Marshall	413,348	427,494	36,093	37,450	37,808	36,978	37,081	37,698	35,517	36,117	35,529	39,444	28,536	31,980	37,415
Mobile	1,914,922	1,936,836	157,903	169,533	166,579	165,980	167,803	166,364	160,456	162,992	153,048	185,882	143,013	139,985	143,793
Monroe	76,622	73,022	6,013	5,962	6,242	6,245	6,642	6,391	6,033	5,814	5,900	7,186	5,273	5,403	5,819
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,484,534	125,089	130,201	126,460	128,281	127,154	125,356	123,438	120,549	117,132	150,257	103,492	108,075	125,165
Morgan	567,117	584,162	47,611	50,135	50,730	50,371	49,002	53,277	49,552	49,483	46,827	55,649	39,785	41,956	46,808
Perry	24,819	23,721	2,071	2,214	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,984	2,038	1,887	1,733	2,028	1,586	1,744	1,776
Pickens	44,711	42,299	3,640	3,746	3,707	3,792	4,003	3,696	3,421	3,525	2,971	3,639	2,664	3,030	3,393
Pike	109,036	115,016	9,555	10,095	9,764	9,617	9,710	9,969	9,902	9,929	9,244	10,994	6,694	8,311	9,523
Randolph	58,587	59,778	6,055	5,038	4,936	4,764	4,807	4,729	5,071	5,233	4,712	5,707	4,910	4,772	5,155
Russell	128,144	131,583	10,711	11,589	11,150	10,990	11,526	11,388	11,539	10,860	10,448	12,754	8,978	9,205	10,827
St. Clair	150,423	151,070	11,556	12,301	13,653	13,597	15,037	14,292	12,748	12,186	11,583	12,830	10,660	11,874	12,310
Shelby	314,788	347,974	28,239	28,504	29,540	30,988	30,388	29,999	30,431	31,174	28,155	29,785	27,676	26,775	30,295
Sumter	31,053	32,577	2,980	2,800	2,712	2,723	2,674	2,680	2,549	2,940	2,688	3,077	2,328	2,101	2,591
Talladega	275,222	299,235	24,320	25,851	28,861	25,551	27,914	25,801	24,391	25,187	22,964	28,338	21,636	22,083	25,751
Tallapoosa	147,115	152,973	12,951	13,143	13,997	14,273	13,291	13,446	11,887	12,543	11,979	13,485	10,836	11,549	12,320
Tuscaloosa	717,107	739,441	58,811	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,746	58,346	72,828	52,847	56,259	61,664
Walker	344,683	363,635	29,328	30,798	32,574	31,397	31,159	33,262	30,202	31,385	29,294	33,426	27,251	28,577	31,299
Washington	20,902	22,211	1,782	1,936	2,120	2,196	2,002	2,090	1,919	1,812	1,864	1,545	1,620	1,694	1,926
Wilcox	25,124	23,204	2,026	2,041	2,095	1,986	1,918	1,866	1,842	1,892	1,657	2,087	1,659	1,430	1,697
Winston	83,769	101,928	7,151	7,923	9,944	8,204	11,310	7,737	9,296	9,469	10,166	7,941	7,697	6,322	12,542
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[5] CIF–costs, insurance, and freight.

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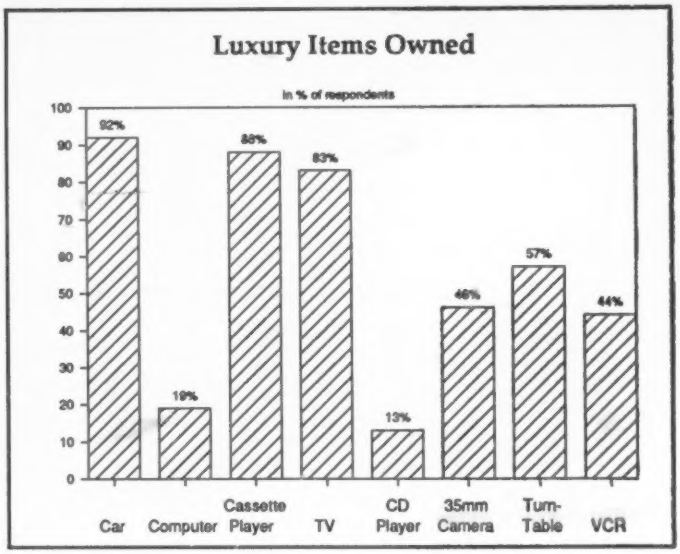

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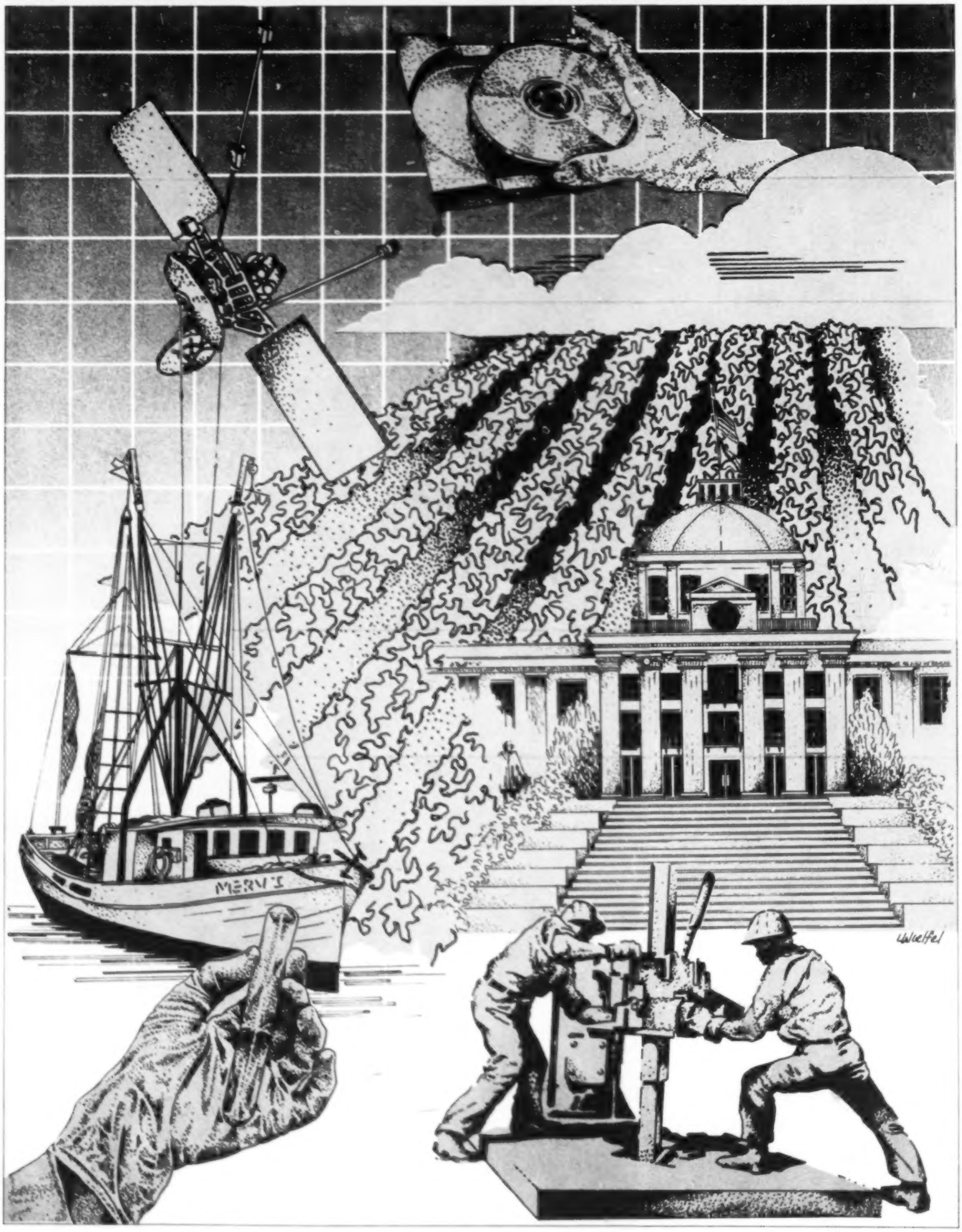

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Dr. Carl E. Ferguson, Jr. will leave the Center for Business and Economic Research at The University of Alabama on August 15 to return to full time teaching and research in the Department of Management and Marketing at The University. Dr. Ferguson has been the Director of UA/CBER for 12 years and under his leadership the Center has seen many successes.

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1988 ALABAMA ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
AN UPDATE

Ahmad Ijaz

Significant changes in the national forecast this year made it essential to revise the Alabama forecast for the remainder of 1988. Based on new assumptions, in 1988 the total real state output is estimated to increase by an average annual rate of 2.5 percent, reaching $47.8 billion. The total personal income in current dollars is expected to increase by six percent in 1988, reaching $47.9 billion. Alabama has been actively seeking both domestic and foreign investments in the state, particularly in the sectors which are not highly susceptible to business cycles. These efforts will help soften the impact of any national recession. The lower exchange value of the dollar in the international market is also expected to revive Alabama's export oriented manufacturing industries.

The unemployment rate in Alabama, as the case traditionally has been, is expected to stay approximately a percentage point or so above the national average. In 1988 the unemployment rate in the state is expected to be 7.1 percent instead of 7.5 percent as previously forecasted. The employment sector in Alabama is expected to maintain a moderate average annual growth rate of 1.6 percent in 1988 with approximately 1.9 million people employed.

MANUFACTURING

The manufacturing sector in Alabama accounts for 26.4 percent of total state output and 19.2 percent of total state employment. The manufacturing sector is gradually regaining its lost share of both domestic and international markets, primarily because of the lower exchange value of the dollar. In 1988 total manufacturing real output in Alabama is expected to increase by 3.5 percent, reaching $12.6 billion. Total employment for the manufacturing sector in Alabama is expected to reach 372,000 in 1988, an average annual growth rate of 0.9 percent over 1987. Employment in the manufacturing sector is not expected to show any exceptional rate of growth, primarily due to improved and less labor intensive methods of production. The average manufacturing wage rate is expected to be $21,000 in 1988.

DURABLE MANUFACTURING

Durable manufacturing's share of total real output in Alabama is approximately 14 percent and provides approximately 9.4 percent of total state employment. However, due to technological innovations and cost cutting measures, the employment share is expected to drop in future years. Real output of durable manufacturing industries in the state are expected to average an annual growth rate of around three percent, to approximately $6.7 billion. The durable manufacturing sector is expected to employ approximately 183,000 people in 1988, an average annual increase of 1.3 percent over 1987. The only industries in this group that are expected to show any significant growth this year are electrical and nonelectrical machinery and equipment manufacturing.

Lumber. Real output in the lumber industry in Alabama is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.3 percent in 1988, reaching $797 million. Despite limitations on lumber imports, a slowdown in the state's construction industry, which is the primary user of lumber products, is expected to cause a decline in the demand for lumber products. In 1988 the lumber industry is estimated to employ approximately 32,400 people, a growth rate of only about 0.7 percent over the 1987 employment level.

Primary and Fabricated Metals. The steel industry in Alabama has suffered major declines in both output and employment during recent years, facing the competition from foreign steel manufacturers and high costs associated with domestic steel production. Although the primary metals industry is not expected to fully recover during 1988, it should regain some of its market share. In 1988 real output in the primary metals industry is expected to decline slightly by 0.2 percent.

Employment in the primary metals industry has been consistently declining during the past few years, and during the forecast period no significant change in this trend is expected. Employment in the primary metals industry is expected to decline by another 2.3 percent in 1988. The average wage rate in the primary metals industry is estimated to be $28,100 in 1988, one of the highest in the manufacturing sector.

The fabricated metals industry is expected to perform better than the primary metals industry. Real output in the fabricated metals industry is expected to be $722.9 million in 1988, a growth of 0.2 percent over 1987. In 1988 employment in the fabricated metals industry is expected to increase only by approximately 0.5 percent, employing approximately 23,700 people. Although real output and employment in the fabricated metals industry is expected to outpace the primary metals industry's performance, wages are not expected to keep pace with the primary metals wage rate increases.

Machinery and All Equipment Manufacturing. The growth in machinery and equipment manufacturing industries is expected to outpace the growth in all other industries in the manufacturing sector. These industries include electrical and nonelectrical manufacturing and all transportation and equipment manufacturing industries, including defense equipment manufacturing and shipbuilding.

In 1988 real output in nonelectrical manufacturing industries is expected to increase by an average annual rate of 7.1 percent, reaching $1.1 billion. This group is estimated to employ 22,100 people, an increase of 3.8 percent over 1987.

Real output in electrical machinery is expected to increase by 4.6 percent in 1988, reaching $715 million. For 1988 electrical machinery manufacturing is expected to employ 25,300 workers, an average annual increase of 3.6 percent over 1987.

Equipment manufacturing is also expected to continue its above average annual rate of growth, mainly due to defense and NASA contracts and the shipbuilding industry. In 1988 real output in this industry is expected to reach $1.6 billion, an increase of 6.9 percent over 1987. Employment in this industry is expected to increase by an average annual rate of 3.2 percent in 1988, employing 27,900 people.

NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING

The nondurable manufacturing sector in Alabama is expected to perform better than it did during recent years. Nondurable manufacturing accounts for approximately 12 percent of real state output and nine percent of total employment in Alabama. Real output in nondurable manufacturing is estimated to increase at an average annual rate of 3.7 percent in 1988, reaching $5.8 billion. This sector includes more labor intensive industries than the durable manufacturing group, therefore no significant increases in employment are expected. In 1988 nondurable manufacturing is estimated to employ 189,000, an increase of 0.6 percent over 1987.

Textiles and Apparel. According to national forecasts prepared by The WEFA Group, in 1987 the textiles and apparel trade deficit accounted for approximately 17 percent of the nation's total trade deficit. In February of 1988 the nation's trade deficit for the textiles and apparel industries was $2.8 billion, approximately 20 percent of the nation's overall trade deficit for the month of February.

In 1988 real output for Alabama's textiles industry is expected to increase by five percent, reaching $864 million; employment in textiles is expected to decline by 0.2 percent annual rate, employing 38,700 people. In 1988 real output in the apparel industry is estimated to increase by 1.4 percent, reaching $766 million. Employment is only estimated to increase by an average annual rate of 0.2 percent, for a total of 57,600 workers. One of the main reasons for this low rate of growth in employment is because the textiles and apparel industries are gradually employing less labor intensive and more efficient means of production.

Despite being the largest employers in the manufacturing sector, wage rates in the textiles and apparel industries are the lowest. The textiles industry's average wage rates are expected to be $17,000 in 1988, while apparel workers are estimated to earn an average wage rate of $11,700 in 1988.

Paper. Real output of the paper industry accounts for 2.7 percent of total state real output. In 1988 real output from the paper industry is estimated to increase at an average annual rate of 3.7 percent, reaching $1.309 billion. Strong export demand and increased production during 1987 should help the paper industry maintain this level of growth.

The paper industry in Alabama is estimated to employ 22,900 people in 1988, an increase of approximately 1.3 percent over 1987, and is expected to maintain its moderate rate of growth in employment.

Chemicals. After slow growth in 1985 and 1986, output in the chemicals industry has improved considerably. Real output is estimated to increase by an average annual rate of 2.8 percent in 1988, reaching $746 million. Employment in the chemicals industry is not expected to keep pace with increases in output. In 1988 employment in the chemicals industry is estimated to decline by an average annual rate of 0.3 percent.

Rubber and Plastics. Rubber and plastics manufacturing accounts for 1.6 percent of total state output. In 1988 real output for the rubber and plastics industry is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 6.2 percent, reaching $767 million. The increase in the use of plastics products in other manufacturing industries and as substitutes for metals and wood is also expected to help the plastics industry maintain its growth. Employment in the rubber and plastics industry is expected to increase by 2.9 percent in 1988, employing 18,400 workers.

CONSTRUCTION

The high rate of growth experienced by the construction industry is forecasted to slow down in 1988. Real output is estimated to increase at an average annual level of 0.5 percent, reaching $1.9 billion. Real output of the construction industry is estimated to account for 4.1 percent of total state output. The construction industry is extremely volatile to business cycles. As the nation's economy enters a mature phase of the economic recovery, the construction industry is expected to experience a slowdown in growth. Employment in construction accounts for four percent of total state employment. It is expected to increase by 1.9 percent in 1988, employing 76,900 workers.

MINING

Mining output in Alabama accounts for 3.8 percent of total real state output. In 1988 mining output is estimated to be $1.8 billion, a growth of 1.2 percent over 1987. Employment in the mining sector accounts for 0.6 percent of total state employment. In 1988 and 1989 mining employment is estimated to increase at an average annual rate of only 0.8 percent, employing 11,200 people. The average wage rate in Alabama's mining sector is one of the highest in the state. Average wage rates in the mining sector are estimated to be $33,800 in 1988. The mining sector in Alabama and in the nation have not yet fully recovered from losses due to a drop in the price of crude oil, and no significant improvement is expected in the next few years.

TRADE

Real output in the trade sector is estimated to account for 16.6 percent, or $7.9 billion, of total state output in 1988. The trade sector, which includes retail and wholesale trade, is expected to maintain a very moderate rate of growth. Employment in the state's trade sector is forecasted to increase by 1.8 percent in 1988, employing 345,000 people. In 1988 employment in trade is estimated to account for 17.8 percent of total output. In the future years the trade sector is expected to increase its share of total employment, absorbing jobs lost in other sectors of the state's economy. It is estimated that by 1995, employment in the trade sector will account for 19.2 percent of total employment.

SERVICES

The service industry in Alabama in 1988 is estimated to account for 12.5 percent of total state output. Real output is estimated to grow at an average annual rate of 2.9 percent, reaching $5.9 billion in 1988. Employment in services accounts for approximately 16 percent of total employment. In 1988 it is estimated to average an annual increase of 2.5 percent.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

Finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) together account for 8.9 percent of total real state product and 3.7 percent of total state employment. The FIRE sector is expected to maintain a low but consistent growth rate during the forecast period. Most of this increase is expected in the nonbanking group and the real estate industry. In 1988 real output in the FIRE sector is estimated to grow at an average annual rate of 0.8 percent, reaching $4.2 billion. Employment in the FIRE sector is estimated to be 72,500 workers in 1988, an annual average growth rate of 2.8 percent over 1987. However, if interest rates go up during the latter part of 1988, that increase could have an effect on the real estate industry in the state.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

Real output in transportation, communications, and public utilities (TCPU) accounts for 10.4 percent of total state output and 4.1 percent of total state employment. In 1988 real output in the TCPU sector is estimated to be $4.9 billion, an average annual rate of 4.1 percent over 1987. Employment in TCPU is estimated to reach 79,400 workers by 1988, an increase of 1.2 percent over 1987.

GOVERNMENT

The government sector in Alabama, which includes federal and state and local governments, is one of the largest sectors in the state economy. Real output of the government sector accounts for 15 percent of total state output. In 1988 real output is estimated to be $7.1 billion, an average annual increase of two percent over 1987. Employment in the government sector in 1988 is estimated to account for 19.3 percent of total employment in Alabama. In 1988 employment in the government sector is expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.3 percent, employing 375,000 people.

CONCLUSIONS

The key to maintaining economic growth in a state lies in the diversification of its economic sectors. Alabama's economy has primarily been based on the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector has traditionally been extremely susceptible to economic and business cycles. This sector in Alabama accounts for approximately 20 percent of total state employment and 27 percent of total state output. In the nondurable manufacturing group, the textiles and apparel industries have been the major employers. Among the durable manufacturing group, the steel and lumber industries have been the major employers.

During recent years, steel, lumber, textiles, and apparel industries have been hit the hardest because of high labor costs and foreign competition. Recent trade figures indicate that even with the lower value of the dollar in the international exchange markets, approximately 20 percent of the nation's trade deficit in February 1988 was due to textiles and apparel industries. The textiles and apparel industries together in Alabama employ approximately 90,000 workers. Any attempts to modernize these industries to be able to compete more efficiently will result in a number of people being unemployed. The solution lies in an effort to retrain these people for skills needed in other sectors of the economy that are expected to maintain a steady rate of growth.

The recent attempts made by the state to bring in new industries, domestic and international, will help the displaced workers in other sectors of the economy. The move to diversify the state economy from traditional manufacturing industries into more "high tech" manufacturing, services, and other such sectors should help Alabama achieve and maintain a healthier and stable economic growth.

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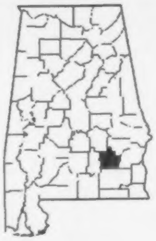
The Economy in Perspective:

FOCUS ON PIKE COUNTY



Edward Rigdon

Pike County is located in the center of the southeast Alabama area. Nineteen eighty-eight population projections find Pike County with a population of 28,830, 35 percent black and almost 65 percent white, 58 percent urban (consisting mostly of the 12,000 residents of the city of Troy) and 42 percent rural. The county's residents in 1985 had an average household income of $17,406, amounting to 73.4 percent of the state average of $23,699.

Pike County was created in 1821 out of land taken from the huge Montgomery and Henry counties. According to Margaret Pace Farmer's book, *One Hundred Fifty Years in Pike County Alabama 1821-1971*, the county was named for Gen. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who was killed while leading American troops to victory in the Battle of York (now Toronto), Canada, in the War of 1812. Farmer notes that there is a "Pike County" to be found in ten different states, although the general himself "...never visited any of them." Seemingly, the only namesake which he did visit was Pike's Peak, which Pike's exploration party discovered but failed to climb in 1806.

The first (temporary) seat of justice for the new Alabama county was established at the house of a settler near present-day China Grove. The first community to host the county seat was probably Louisville, on the eastern side of the Pea River in what is now western Barbour County. In 1827 the county seat was moved to Monticello, which was on the western side of the river and on the path of the military road running between Ft. Mitchell, near today's Phenix City, and Ft. Barrancas, in Pensacola.

In 1832 the county assumed its present boundaries, as land was taken from it to form Barbour, Bullock and Crenshaw counties. Three years later Monticello became an incorporated town, but with the land cessions this site was no longer centrally located, and in 1837 a commission was established to choose a new county seat.

One of the commissioners, John Hanchey, along with a second man, John Coskrey, owned land around a raised area called Deer Stand Hill, which was also on the Ft. Mitchell-Pensacola road, but much closer to the center of the county. Having the county seat near their holdings would mean money, so the two offered to donate fifteen acres each as a site. This offer was accepted, and the new town "assembled" in a hurry. Hanchey, Coskrey, and another man put their stores, also located on the military road, on rollers and moved them up to the new site. The old courthouse in Monticello was auctioned off (for $200, including the land), broken down, and hauled to the new site, were it was reassembled and run as an inn.

Feeling that "Deer Stand Hill" was a rather undignified name for the county seat, the town fathers settled on "Troy", although no one is sure why. In any event, the new town got off to a fast start.

It was the same kind of benign self-interest as was shown by Hanchey and Coskrey that brought the first railroad to Troy. Urban L. Jones, a local lawyer and merchant, was a director of the Mobile and Girard railroad company and the holder of much real estate in Troy. In the years preceding the Civil War, the railroad company had been in the process of building a line from near Columbus, Georgia, to Mobile, moving through Pike County along the western side of the Conecuh River. Construction was halted by the war, with the route already graded to a point inside Pike County.

Years later, the company again took up the project. Director Jones, who in the course of the war lost everything except his Troy property, proposed that the route now be diverted, to pass down the eastern side of the river and through the county seat. The company demurred, citing the higher cost of such a route, and suggested instead that Jones simply buy new land along the established route and develop a new town there. (After all, it had been done before in Pike County.) But Jones insisted, and finally the company agreed to reroute the railroad, but only if the town of Troy would pay the difference in cost. Bonds were issued, backed by the city of Troy, but they sold slowly.

Because of this and other reverses, Jones was eventually forced not only to buy a large quantity of the bonds himself but to pledge almost everything he owned on behalf of the project. Traffic between Columbus and Troy began in 1870, but shortly thereafter the city defaulted on the bonds. Ten years later, under pressure from bondholders in New York, the city "rescheduled" the debt, but it was too late for Jones, who in the meantime had been forced to sell his bonds for a pittance.

While the first railroad in Troy was a disaster for Jones, it started a boom in Troy, making the town the commercial center of a wide area. Farmer notes that the number of stores in Troy went from five or six in 1870 to 50 in 1880. A second railroad was organized criss-crossing the first, running from Montgomery down to Chattahoochee, Florida (south of

Lake Seminole on the Apalachicola River), despite persistent opposition from the Central of Georgia company, which now owned the Columbus-to-Mobile line and wanted to protect its local monopoly. The completion of the second railroad brought on a second wave of prosperity.

According to Theo Dalton (writing in Farmer's book), it was at about this time that a state normal school came to Pike County. Once again, there was an obstacle to be overcome, in this case the town of Lowndesboro, in Lowndes County, just west of Montgomery. Lowndesboro also wanted the school, as well as the jobs and opportunity that would come with it. This time the struggle was in the legislature. The day was won through a combination of intense lobbying and a promise to provide a building sufficient for the new school's needs, and the bill establishing "Troy State Normal School" was signed by the governor on February 26, 1887.

The school grew slowly but steadily over the years. This growth was spurred after World War II by returned soldiers taking advantage of educational opportunities provided by the GI Bill. The institution's name changed many time over the years, and in 1967 the name was officially changed to "Troy State University."

PIKE COUNTY

1988 Population	28,830
White	18,590
Nonwhite	10,240
County Seat	Troy
1985 Per Capita Income	$9,737
1987 Median Family Income	$17,900
1987 Unemployment Rate	7.0%

1985 Major Industries:
Manufacturing
Retail Trade
Transportation and Public Utilities
State and Local Government

Today, thanks to the university, state and local government is one of the largest industries in Pike County, annually vying with manufacturing for the lead in both employment and total payroll. Manufacturing is weighted in favor of nondurables (2 to 1 in terms of employment, 1.4 to 1 in terms of payroll). Along with the usual Southern staples, clothing and forest products, the manufacturing base in Pike County includes a maker of circuit boards, a lead smelter, and a number of businesses taking advantage of the local supply of peanuts.

Pike County, with almost half of its land in farms according to the 1982 Census of Agriculture, is one of the most heavily farmed counties in the state. As in many other counties in southeastern Alabama, the dominant crop in Pike County is peanuts.

Unquestionably, Pike is a county with a lot going for it. It has a state university, good roads, a steady water supply, and a solid manufacturing base. Perhaps more important in the long run, Pike County has a history of seeking out and exploiting opportunities for growth. Today, one of the county's greatest opportunities lies in developing its workforce, particularly its black workforce.

Nearly half of all blacks in the county live below the poverty line. In fact, in a county that is two-thirds white, the population living in poverty is two-thirds black.

In Pike County, blacks comprise 30.5 percent of all family households, but they account for 75 percent of all mother-plus-children households in the county. The impact of this problem is exacerbated by the fact that, on average, there are more children in a mother-only household than there are in a married-couple household (2.3 versus 2.0, in Pike County). Persons aged 14 years old and under constitute 29.4 percent of the black population, but only 18.5 percent of the white population.

A second opportunity for improvement is with educational attainment. In Pike County of 1980, of blacks age 25 and over, 73.5 percent did not complete high school, and 52 percent did not even complete a single year of high school. Among whites in Pike County, 43.4 percent of those age 25 and over did not finish high school.

Whether all these numbers add up to a serious problem or a great opportunity for Pike County remains to be seen. If the young black population is left to perpetuate the cycle of poverty, then these same people will constitute an ever-growing burden on the social services of the county. This demand will result in significant increases in the amount of tax revenue needed to provide even a minimal quality of life and to deal with the social consequences of poverty.

But in the alternative scenario, this problem becomes an opportunity. In much of this country the population is aging, and the workforce consists of people who have been doing the same sort of work for decades and cannot easily adjust to changing conditions and new labor demands. Pike County, on the other hand, has the opportunity to plan its own economic future and then shape its workforce-of-the-future accordingly, by establishing priorities and funding programs to produce workers with the needed skills and education.

In such an undertaking, the county would enjoy an enormous advantage, in the form of Troy State University. Indeed, the same kind of self-interested foresight and initiative which brought the county seat to Deer Stand Hill and which brought the railroad and the normal school to Pike County could be used to turn the county's recipe for poverty into a blueprint for economic success in the New South. □

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Pensions: Planning for the Future

Pension eligibility is closely tied to job tenure and hours worked. Women and younger workers are more likely to have fewer years of service and women are more likely to work part-time than men. As a result, women have lower pension coverage rates than men, and workers 25 to 29 years old have lower coverage rates than workers 30 to 64 years old.

Since earnings are also related to years on the job and hours worked, pension coverage is lower for workers at the lower end of the earnings scale. (These workers are more likely to work in industries where coverage is low.)

Less than half of workers who earn under $1,000 a month are covered by an employer-sponsored pension. In contrast, more than three-quarters of workers with monthly earnings of $1,000 or more work for companies that provide pensions. The median monthly earnings of workers covered by an employer-sponsored pension plan ($1,590) is considerably higher than the median for uncovered workers ($950).

Two-thirds of covered workers are vested in their plans. Vesting is usually tied to number of years on the job, so older workers are more likely to be vested than younger workers. Less than half of covered workers aged 25 to 29 are vested, while three-quarters of covered 40-to-49-year-olds and four-fifths of 50-to-64 year-olds are vested.

Male workers are more likely to be vested than female workers, largely because of job-related differences. For further information on pension coverage see Current Population Reports, Series P-70, No. 12, *Pension Coverage and Retirement Income: 1984*, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census., available from the U.S. Government Printing Office or a U.S. documents depository library. □

New and Expanding Industry in Alabama

The industrial and employment future of Alabama should be brighter if the *New and Expanding Industries Report for Alabama: 1987*, prepared by the Alabama Development Office is any indication. The report released earlier this year indicates that plans for 95 new plants involving a capital expenditure of over $170 million dollars were announced for the State of Alabama last year. The new industry should add over 5,000 jobs to the state, if all of the announced plants are constructed.

An even larger boost to the state's economy should come from planned expansion of existing industry. A total of 778 plant expansions were announced involving a capital expenditure of over $2.2 billion dollars. Over 14,000 new jobs will be created if plans for all plant expansions are carried out.

Madison County should lead the state in the number of jobs gained with an expected increase of over 3,400 jobs. Strong gains should also be seen in Morgan and Jackson counties with announced new or expanding plants that should boost employment by over 900 jobs in each county. Calhoun, De Kalb, Etowah, Houston, Jefferson, and Marshall counties should each see employment gains of over 500 jobs if all announced expansions become a reality. More information may be obtained by contacting the Alabama Development Office, Montgomery, Alabama 36130. □

Households in Alabama

The number of Alabama households has grown faster than the total population. Households increased 10.5 percent, while the population grew 4.9 percent between 1980 and 1987. This is because the number of people living in each household declined from 2.84 to 2.69 from 1980 to 1987. Households totaled 1.48 million in Alabama in 1987, up from 1.34 million in the 1980 Census count.

The 10 states with the most rapid household growth were Alaska (31 percent), Nevada (31 percent), Arizona (30 percent), Florida (28 percent), New Hampshire (21 percent), Texas (21 percent), New Mexico (21 percent), Georgia (21 percent), Colorado (18 percent), and Hawaii (17 percent).

Growth was concentrated in the South and West, where 73 percent of the household increase took place. The estimates for all states will be published by the Bureau of the Census later in the year. □

Annual Estimates of Households in Alabama

1981	1,375,000
1982	1,386,000
1983	1,396,000
1984	1,422,000
1985	1,444,000
1986	1,463,000
1987	1,483,000

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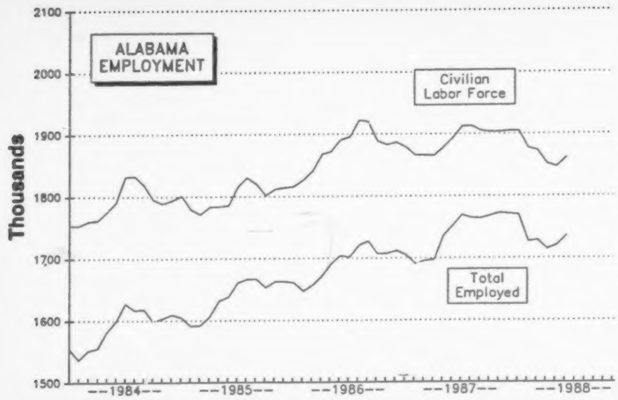

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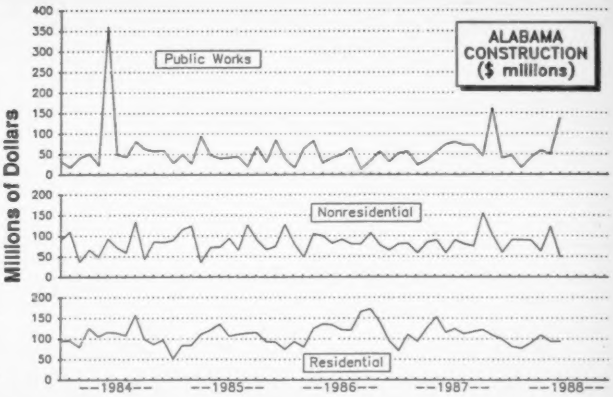

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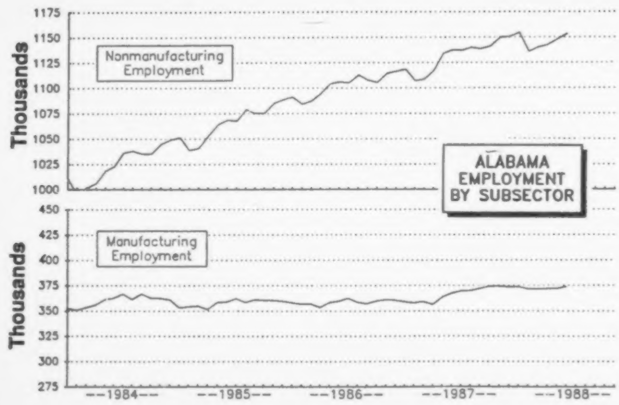

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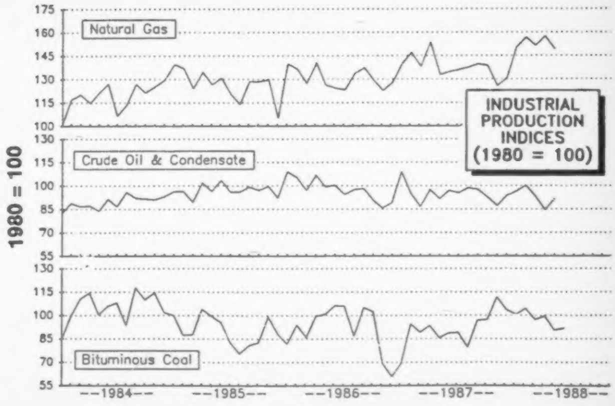

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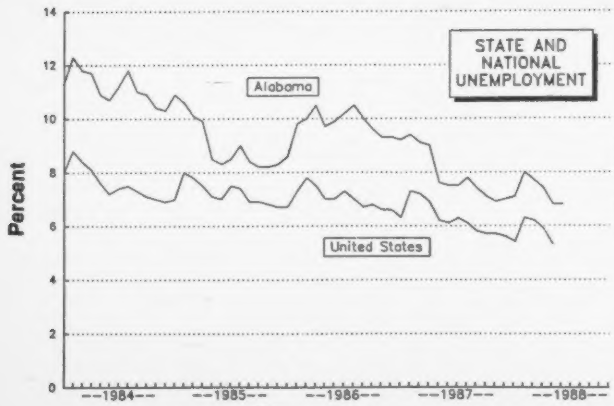

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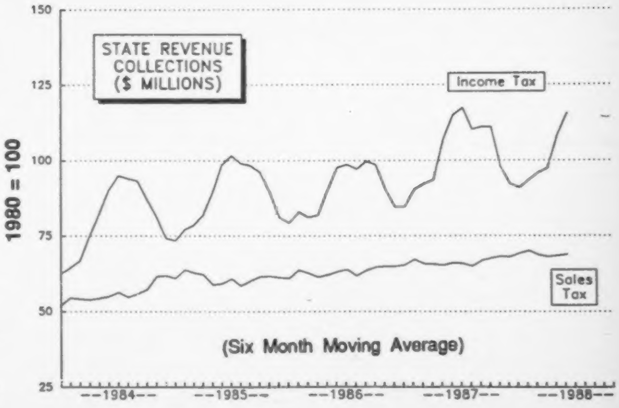

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987									1988			
	1986	1987	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,895	24,870	1,885	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304	2,144	2,192	1,991
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	146,936	155,990	12,445	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,087	14,686	14,177	14,751	13,980
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	419,377	483,311	39,842	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,926	41,055	45,494	39,018
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,399	20,621	1,670	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827	1,703	1,544	1,674
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,314	24,675	1,973	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059	2,063	2,108	2,106
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,485	6,904	573	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623	567	580	578
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,984,600	3,126,600	265,000	245,400	295,100	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400	222,400	230,200	263,400
Residential	1,453,200	1,346,300	120,000	115,000	124,900	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500	91,300	109,200	93,000
Nonresidential	995,300	1,016,500	89,200	57,500	90,000	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100	88,600	62,100	121,800
Public works and utilities	536,100	763,900	55,800	72,900	80,200	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700	42,600	58,900	48,700
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,334	1,401	131	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76	98	130	124
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	301,238	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813	254,571	294,974	304,905
Franchise	75,088	85,027	1,302	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808	3,883	52,928	1,373
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	17,162	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487	16,468	16,317	18,346
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	134,630	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466	131,668	114,508	120,451
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	3,814	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070	5,471	3,995	4,688
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	2,222	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666	2,835	3,582	4,993
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	644	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777	797	1,026	1,358
Sales	775,708	810,128	65,229	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133	59,345	63,508	71,458
2.2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	14,074	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521	160	29	14,520
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	3,842	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	6,103	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426	5,958	5,151	5,643	6,037
Use	84,390	88,397	18,569	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618	1,178	1,651	20,373
Utility	160,233	165,984	12,938	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721	14,550	14,865	13,650
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. *(1982-84 = 100)*															
All items	109.6	113.6	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1
Percent change	1.1	4.3	.5	.4	.4	.3	.5	.5	.3	.1	.0	.3	.3	.4	.5
Food	108.9	113.5	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7	115.7	115.9	116.6
Housing	110.8	114.2	113.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2	116.6	117.0	117.3
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	101.3	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4	102.8	102.7	102.8
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	111.5	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4	110.2	114.3	117.0
Transportation	102.3	105.4	104.2	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1	106.8	106.5	107.2
Medical care	122.0	130.1	128.7	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.4	135.5	136.3	136.9
Energy	88.2	88.6	86.4	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4	87.0	86.5	87.3
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1982 = 100)*															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	101.9	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.2	104.6	104.6	104.9	105.8
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	101.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.2	104.4	104.4	104.7	105.6
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices *(1982-84 = $1.000)*	.912	.880	.887	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864	.862	.858	.854
Wholesale prices *(1982 = $1.000)*	.998	.973	.981	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.960	.956	.956	.953	.945
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,878.9	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.0	1,872.9	1,851.3	1,846.2
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	142.7	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.6	144.2	137.5	125.9
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	6.8
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,736.2	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.4	1,728.7	1,713.8	1,720.3
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,497.6	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.1	1,511.4	1,514.5	1,519.7
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	363.7	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	373.4	371.4	371.3	371.8	371.8
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	175.8	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2	179.4	180.0	180.6
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	29.5	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4	29.2	29.4	29.5
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	25.9	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6	27.1	27.2	27.5
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1	21.9	21.8	21.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5	22.7	23.0	23.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9	22.9	22.9	22.6
Transportation	27.5	28.0	28.2	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8	27.7	27.9	28.1
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	17.6	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.1	18.4
Nondurable goods	184.6	190.2	187.9	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2	191.9	191.8	191.2
Food	29.9	31.0	29.7	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3	31.1	31.0	31.0
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	38.3	38.5	39.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.1	39.0	38.6
Apparel	54.3	56.1	56.2	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4	56.4	56.3	56.0
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	20.3	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.7
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.2
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.7	18.7
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,133.9	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7	1,140.1	1,142.7	1,147.9
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.3	11.4
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6
Contract construction	74.9	74.0	73.4	74.2	76.4	76.4	76.6	75.4	76.5	74.5	74.4	70.9	72.0	72.9	73.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.7	72.5	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.1	73.1	72.9	72.6	72.3	72.3	71.8	72.0	72.1	72.4
Trade	319.6	332.0	329.8	332.2	333.5	333.4	334.2	335.0	337.0	340.0	344.8	334.2	332.0	331.9	334.4
Wholesale	77.1	78.4	78.2	78.5	79.2	78.9	78.7	78.9	79.1	78.7	78.9	78.5	78.6	78.8	79.3
Retail	242.5	253.6	251.6	253.7	254.3	254.5	255.5	256.1	257.9	261.3	265.9	255.7	253.4	253.1	255.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	69.1	70.5	70.5	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.3	70.9	70.4	70.0	70.2	69.5	69.6	69.8	70.0
Service and miscellaneous	259.0	274.8	273.9	274.1	276.6	277.5	278.1	279.7	279.4	278.7	278.7	276.1	278.4	280.6	282.0
Government	298.0	299.6	302.3	302.4	294.5	297.5	293.7	295.7	302.3	303.4	302.5	301.7	304.6	304.1	304.4
Federal	64.1	66.0	65.3	65.4	66.2	66.4	66.6	66.5	67.1	67.3	67.2	66.6	66.6	65.9	65.5
State and local	233.9	233.6	237.0	237.0	228.3	231.1	227.1	229.2	235.2	236.1	235.3	235.1	238.0	238.2	238.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987									1988			
	1986	1987	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	15,387	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	18,002	18,643	18,969	14,805
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	6,767	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	5,849	6,311	8,571	7,452
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	425,763	349,204	26,142	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	58,703	25,736	25,183	21,895
Payments *($1,000)*	186,826	165,953	14,490	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	15,539	13,021	13,984	10,410
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,694 7.9	16,116 7.0	16,050 7.5	16,270 7.7	16,440 7.1	16,280 6.6	16,200 6.4	16,160 6.7	16,040 5.6	16,090 5.7	16,090 5.2	15,770 5.6	15,830 5.8	15,610 5.6	15,430 4.8
Baldwin	38,264 8.9	39,863 7.6	39,570 6.9	39,880 6.5	40,220 6.1	40,030 6.3	39,800 6.4	40,000 6.8	39,650 6.9	39,750 7.6	40,330 8.6	39,450 8.8	39,680 8.8	39,180 8.6	39,260 8.8
Barbour	11,903 9.5	11,648 8.0	11,570 8.5	11,600 7.6	11,870 8.4	11,620 7.9	11,510 7.5	11,530 7.8	11,630 7.2	11,780 7.3	11,650 6.7	11,370 7.9	11,370 7.7	11,130 8.0	11,090 7.5
Bibb	7,273 13.3	7,278 11.1	7,180 9.9	7,240 10.3	7,330 8.9	7,440 10.3	7,400 9.7	7,360 10.8	7,340 9.3	7,350 10.5	7,310 12.8	7,210 14.0	7,080 10.5	7,040 9.7	7,080 9.2
Blount	16,682 9.0	17,620 7.3	17,720 8.1	17,700 7.5	17,740 7.1	17,580 6.2	17,650 6.6	17,670 6.3	17,500 5.3	17,540 5.6	17,810 6.7	17,820 9.1	17,710 8.4	17,490 8.0	17,480 7.4
Bullock	3,971 17.3	3,801 14.4	3,650 12.3	3,660 11.5	3,910 14.1	3,980 16.4	3,920 16.1	3,820 13.7	3,870 13.5	3,880 14.6	3,900 15.5	3,780 15.4	3,680 16.2	3,690 13.8	3,670 12.8
Butler	9,382 11.7	9,599 10.6	9,430 8.6	9,610 9.6	9,680 10.1	9,820 12.2	9,700 12.2	9,640 10.6	9,590 9.1	9,540 9.1	9,500 8.9	9,260 9.9	9,210 10.3	9,040 10.9	8,920 9.1
Calhoun	51,892 9.6	51,596 7.8	51,150 8.1	51,480 7.4	51,680 7.5	51,740 7.4	51,730 7.2	51,380 6.8	51,800 6.7	51,850 6.5	52,010 6.6	51,900 8.0	51,400 7.8	50,810 7.6	50,580 7.1
Chambers	17,241 8.6	17,510 5.9	17,170 6.2	17,200 5.8	17,650 5.8	17,790 6.0	17,870 5.6	17,940 5.3	17,850 5.0	17,850 5.2	17,750 4.9	17,400 4.9	17,480 5.0	17,300 4.9	17,310 5.1
Cherokee	7,768 13.5	7,970 8.7	8,010 9.1	8,020 8.6	8,270 8.3	8,160 7.3	8,040 6.4	8,070 6.3	8,090 6.1	8,090 6.6	7,900 6.9	7,950 9.2	7,870 7.5	7,800 6.5	7,870 6.0
Chilton	15,723 10.6	15,588 9.5	15,300 9.4	15,670 9.4	15,810 8.3	15,670 9.4	15,590 8.7	15,550 7.9	15,570 7.1	15,670 8.9	15,510 9.3	15,360 9.8	15,210 8.4	15,030 7.4	15,040 7.0
Choctaw	7,481 14.9	7,003 10.0	6,960 9.7	6,950 8.8	7,130 7.9	7,150 8.0	7,200 8.1	7,050 7.8	7,090 7.8	7,070 9.0	6,960 9.1	7,060 9.8	6,920 9.2	6,820 8.8	7,010 8.9
Clarke	11,363 11.4	11,461 11.2	11,270 9.4	11,230 9.3	11,430 9.3	11,500 9.4	11,430 9.9	11,440 10.1	11,680 11.5	11,800 12.6	11,780 13.8	11,680 13.5	11,560 13.3	11,350 12.1	11,260 11.2
Clay	6,358 15.0	6,146 8.9	6,070 8.8	6,080 8.8	6,030 9.2	6,160 8.6	6,100 7.5	6,070 6.4	6,330 6.0	6,310 5.7	6,310 7.0	6,250 8.3	6,230 7.4	6,180 7.8	6,160 8.1
Cleburne	5,719 8.8	5,431 7.2	5,500 7.0	5,500 7.0	5,380 6.9	5,400 7.8	5,310 6.8	5,300 6.1	5,330 6.5	5,330 6.4	5,350 6.6	5,430 8.6	5,310 7.4	5,330 7.4	5,360 7.1
Coffee	17,625 8.8	17,960 6.3	17,890 6.3	18,230 6.0	18,350 5.7	18,210 5.8	18,290 6.0	18,250 5.7	18,190 6.0	18,230 5.8	17,950 5.5	17,610 6.7	17,610 6.6	17,590 6.7	17,570 5.9
Colbert	24,628 13.9	23,872 10.2	23,770 10.2	24,070 10.3	24,040 9.4	23,930 9.6	23,870 9.3	23,750 8.8	23,680 8.5	23,550 8.3	23,760 9.3	23,430 11.1	23,470 10.3	22,990 9.6	22,670 8.3
Conecuh	6,458 16.0	6,009 16.0	6,140 15.9	6,120 16.2	6,000 16.2	5,970 14.9	5,850 13.4	5,770 12.6	5,780 12.0	5,810 12.9	5,810 12.1	5,700 12.7	5,690 12.2	5,620 12.3	5,590 12.3
Coosa	4,760 8.0	4,988 5.5	4,900 5.2	4,990 5.6	4,960 5.4	5,000 5.4	4,980 5.5	4,980 5.0	5,030 4.5	5,060 5.7	5,000 4.9	4,960 5.7	4,970 6.2	4,930 5.6	4,990 6.1
Covington	17,224 10.7	17,413 7.5	17,200 7.5	17,440 6.9	17,570 6.6	17,740 6.9	17,470 6.7	17,390 6.5	17,750 6.3	17,690 7.5	17,680 7.5	17,460 8.4	17,440 8.7	17,170 8.2	17,000 6.5
Crenshaw	6,187 9.0	6,538 9.2	6,460 7.9	6,550 8.1	6,730 7.7	6,670 8.6	6,620 8.1	6,610 7.0	6,670 7.7	6,660 8.3	6,570 9.1	6,470 8.7	6,430 8.0	6,330 8.1	6,300 7.2
Cullman	31,390 9.4	31,713 7.7	31,290 7.8	31,970 7.3	32,240 7.2	32,220 7.7	32,110 7.7	31,910 7.0	31,810 6.5	31,820 6.8	31,890 7.4	31,410 8.8	31,100 8.3	30,830 7.8	30,600 7.1
Dale	16,753 10.1	17,831 7.5	17,420 7.1	17,610 6.8	17,800 6.8	18,080 7.6	18,090 7.6	18,140 7.3	18,260 7.4	18,290 7.3	18,190 6.5	18,020 7.3	17,880 7.2	17,860 7.4	17,890 7.0
Dallas	23,022 15.9	21,371 14.6	21,710 15.5	21,620 15.4	21,990 15.8	22,040 16.2	21,640 15.6	21,480 15.0	21,010 13.7	20,720 13.0	20,650 12.5	20,570 13.8	20,580 13.9	20,050 12.9	19,640 11.7
DeKalb	28,748 10.0	29,014 7.8	28,470 7.9	29,110 7.4	29,630 7.1	29,780 7.2	29,600 6.9	29,290 6.5	29,190 6.9	29,250 6.4	29,250 6.9	28,780 8.3	28,770 7.9	28,360 7.8	28,510 7.3
Elmore	21,013 6.9	21,000 5.9	20,730 5.6	20,990 5.8	21,400 5.9	21,340 6.1	21,260 6.0	21,140 6.0	21,130 5.6	21,170 5.5	21,250 5.5	20,950 6.3	20,970 6.3	20,690 6.2	20,480 5.4
Escambia	17,061 11.5	16,782 10.4	16,720 10.1	16,690 9.5	16,750 9.7	16,830 9.4	16,810 9.6	16,580 8.8	16,400 9.0	16,470 9.1	16,380 9.4	16,240 10.4	16,230 9.9	16,060 9.9	16,000 10.2
Etowah	43,954 13.0	43,120 9.2	42,840 9.4	42,990 9.2	43,460 8.8	43,630 8.9	43,490 8.1	43,180 7.8	42,870 7.5	43,010 7.3	43,060 7.9	42,620 9.4	42,200 8.6	41,490 8.0	41,390 7.3
Fayette	8,028 13.8	7,636 10.6	7,730 10.8	7,740 10.8	7,630 10.2	7,530 10.7	7,560 10.7	7,640 10.4	7,590 10.1	7,600 9.2	7,580 8.9	7,450 10.7	7,420 10.3	7,270 9.1	7,190 8.3
Franklin	15,310 13.6	15,130 10.1	15,210 9.8	15,260 9.5	15,440 9.1	15,280 9.0	15,020 7.8	14,910 7.8	14,860 8.9	14,910 10.1	14,740 11.4	14,570 13.8	14,410 11.4	14,170 10.6	13,920 8.7
Geneva	11,047 8.5	10,443 6.2	10,400 6.7	10,480 5.8	10,880 5.9	10,680 5.5	10,360 5.6	10,260 5.4	10,640 5.6	10,350 6.0	10,230 5.3	9,860 6.4	9,910 5.5	9,960 6.1	9,860 5.1
Greene	3,733 15.9	3,743 15.3	3,690 12.5	3,650 12.1	3,780 16.9	3,840 17.4	3,840 17.7	3,770 16.4	3,710 15.4	3,730 13.3	3,680 12.6	3,720 15.6	3,790 16.8	3,560 12.2	3,510 10.6
Hale	5,986 10.7	6,105 8.2	6,060 7.7	6,170 7.1	6,260 9.4	6,120 7.8	6,130 6.9	6,190 7.9	6,110 7.0	6,110 7.3	6,130 8.7	6,050 10.1	6,050 8.5	6,050 7.8	6,030 7.3
Henry	6,631 9.7	6,766 6.6	6,810 6.9	6,950 6.7	6,930 6.4	6,890 7.1	6,810 6.7	6,810 6.5	6,820 5.7	6,840 6.4	6,740 6.1	6,390 6.2	6,450 6.5	6,330 6.6	6,380 6.2
Houston	39,734 8.3	40,014 5.8	39,360 6.0	39,760 5.7	40,260 5.8	40,500 5.7	40,400 5.4	40,590 5.3	40,530 4.6	40,690 4.8	40,920 5.1	40,520 5.8	40,230 5.7	39,980 5.5	39,870 4.6
Jackson	20,968 14.7	20,929 9.4	20,700 8.5	20,900 8.6	21,030 9.8	20,800 9.7	20,950 9.4	20,880 8.7	21,400 8.4	21,420 8.3	21,470 8.6	21,480 10.0	21,230 11.4	20,780 10.9	20,530 9.8
Jefferson	335,634 7.7	338,868 6.6	337,000 6.4	337,330 6.0	340,790 6.2	343,150 6.9	341,770 6.5	342,340 6.3	341,440 5.9	341,320 6.0	341,460 5.8	334,890 6.3	335,140 6.2	331,800 6.0	331,660 5.4
Lamar	8,856 8.9	8,675 6.9	8,620 6.4	8,780 6.3	8,830 6.7	8,780 7.9	8,640 6.7	8,520 6.3	8,560 6.6	8,610 6.2	8,500 5.2	8,500 7.1	8,500 6.8	8,310 5.7	8,360 5.6
Lauderdale	37,027 11.6	36,490 8.2	36,230 7.8	36,600 7.7	36,970 7.9	36,930 8.4	36,740 7.9	36,460 7.1	36,410 6.9	36,360 7.1	36,260 7.0	35,820 9.0	35,930 8.3	35,360 8.0	35,090 7.3
Lawrence	12,632 14.6	11,918 12.7	11,900 12.6	12,100 12.8	12,140 12.4	12,140 13.4	11,830 11.9	11,770 10.7	11,740 10.4	11,850 12.5	11,700 11.9	11,860 14.9	11,640 13.2	11,320 11.5	11,140 10.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987									1988			
	1986	1987	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	38,124 7.7	38,259 5.4	38,640 5.5	39,080 5.7	38,330 5.5	37,980 5.9	37,770 5.3	37,820 4.6	38,550 4.5	39,180 4.5	38,770 4.8	38,110 5.2	37,780 5.0	37,200 5.3	37,310 4.7
Limestone	29,806 8.9	30,096 6.5	29,670 6.4	30,320 6.7	29,780 6.2	29,720 7.5	29,750 6.0	30,510 5.6	30,760 5.3	30,970 5.6	30,200 5.8	29,900 7.3	30,030 6.7	29,810 6.6	30,040 5.3
Lowndes	4,525 15.8	4,688 19.3	4,550 15.2	4,760 21.9	4,690 23.5	4,600 24.4	4,720 22.9	4,780 21.3	4,830 20.3	4,920 18.6	4,870 17.8	4,630 19.2	4,640 19.0	4,650 17.8	4,870 14.2
Macon	10,693 9.0	10,563 6.7	10,380 5.3	10,520 6.1	10,660 6.8	10,830 7.8	10,740 7.5	10,590 7.3	10,540 6.7	10,560 7.0	10,490 7.1	10,390 8.2	10,330 7.5	10,240 7.5	10,180 6.6
Madison	126,253 7.2	130,399 5.2	128,760 5.2	129,860 5.0	131,540 5.0	131,990 5.3	131,290 4.8	131,960 4.6	132,490 4.7	132,430 4.6	133,180 4.6	130,660 5.5	130,320 5.2	129,160 5.1	129,940 4.9
Marengo	10,045 11.1	9,838 8.4	9,690 8.1	9,800 7.8	10,080 7.3	9,980 7.4	9,870 7.1	9,870 7.0	9,860 7.3	9,890 7.6	9,770 7.5	9,590 8.3	9,610 8.1	9,400 7.7	9,390 7.1
Marion	16,083 14.3	15,548 10.7	15,450 9.9	15,480 9.3	15,720 9.4	15,760 10.8	15,730 9.3	15,520 7.9	15,540 7.8	15,500 8.4	15,570 10.5	15,390 14.0	15,760 13.3	15,270 9.9	15,220 7.4
Marshall	37,011 11.8	37,288 7.9	36,660 7.8	37,510 7.6	37,560 7.5	37,930 7.4	37,460 7.0	37,430 6.6	37,610 6.7	37,530 7.4	37,790 8.3	37,700 9.9	37,260 8.5	37,100 7.8	37,160 8.6
Mobile	172,880 11.1	172,319 9.7	171,680 9.4	173,210 9.1	176,100 9.5	175,770 9.9	174,230 9.7	174,240 9.6	172,860 9.8	171,200 9.4	171,760 9.4	168,910 10.1	168,720 9.5	167,530 9.7	165,810 8.8
Monroe	9,649 13.3	9,708 11.7	9,550 9.9	9,720 10.9	9,790 10.8	9,620 9.1	9,720 9.5	9,660 8.3	9,720 9.2	9,750 9.8	9,710 10.0	9,600 11.0	9,610 10.6	9,460 9.8	9,370 9.7
Montgomery	97,695 7.6	100,183 6.5	98,830 6.1	100,250 6.5	102,040 6.4	101,850 6.7	101,440 6.6	100,540 6.3	100,830 6.2	101,330 6.4	101,370 6.0	99,350 6.3	99,730 6.5	98,350 6.4	97,790 6.1
Morgan	45,825 10.0	46,674 8.5	46,240 8.2	46,820 9.3	47,350 7.8	47,770 8.8	47,320 8.2	46,740 7.3	46,680 7.2	46,930 8.6	47,020 7.5	46,580 8.8	46,370 8.0	46,100 7.8	45,830 6.9
Perry	5,444 12.9	5,363 11.8	5,290 9.1	5,390 9.6	5,460 9.7	5,470 10.4	5,420 10.1	5,360 13.4	5,330 9.7	5,290 11.1	5,320 17.7	5,170 16.0	5,040 10.6	4,960 10.5	4,910 8.5
Pickens	7,558 14.7	7,268 11.2	7,180 10.8	7,300 11.1	7,340 10.9	7,330 10.6	7,320 11.0	7,250 9.4	7,200 9.0	7,150 9.0	7,160 9.8	7,120 12.4	7,060 12.5	6,960 11.3	7,010 11.4
Pike	12,612 8.6	12,545 7.0	12,370 6.5	12,440 6.7	12,650 7.1	12,700 7.3	12,610 7.4	12,890 6.7	12,900 6.1	13,060 6.1	12,340 6.5	12,440 6.3	12,500 6.2	12,360 6.0	12,220 5.2
Randolph	9,424 9.2	9,586 6.4	9,520 5.6	9,510 5.8	9,560 6.4	9,290 8.3	9,480 7.3	9,470 6.7	9,720 5.6	9,710 5.3	9,750 5.6	9,640 6.2	9,570 5.9	9,370 5.8	9,240 6.4
Russell	22,641 9.6	22,475 7.1	22,530 7.5	22,520 7.0	22,770 6.8	22,430 6.6	22,430 6.5	22,430 6.2	22,350 5.5	22,540 5.8	23,110 9.0	21,990 6.6	22,080 7.3	21,740 7.2	21,670 6.5
St. Clair	20,610 8.4	21,388 6.0	21,360 6.2	21,480 6.2	21,520 5.6	21,460 5.4	21,410 5.1	21,440 4.9	21,480 5.0	21,580 5.5	21,630 5.5	21,390 5.5	21,350 6.4	21,120 6.2	21,130 5.7
Shelby	37,153 6.8	40,103 5.0	39,840 4.7	40,170 5.0	40,600 5.3	40,510 5.0	40,290 4.5	40,370 4.3	40,320 4.1	40,420 4.5	40,520 4.4	39,800 4.4	39,670 4.6	39,200 4.3	39,460 4.4
Sumter	6,243 21.0	5,919 12.6	5,850 11.8	5,810 10.8	5,880 13.2	6,010 13.7	5,990 13.2	6,010 10.5	6,140 11.0	6,040 11.6	5,900 11.6	5,730 11.9	5,820 11.4	5,630 10.1	5,640 9.4
Talladega	32,143 12.4	32,228 9.6	31,970 9.7	32,210 9.2	32,710 9.3	32,530 9.3	32,320 9.0	32,100 8.4	32,190 8.2	32,230 8.8	32,200 8.5	31,970 9.7	31,770 9.3	31,370 9.4	31,320 9.7
Tallapoosa	19,101 8.0	18,992 6.5	18,760 6.4	18,960 7.4	19,470 6.6	19,150 6.6	19,120 6.4	19,010 6.1	19,030 5.7	19,070 6.0	19,140 5.8	18,760 6.4	18,950 6.9	18,520 6.5	18,450 6.8
Tuscaloosa	68,450 7.7	69,623 6.1	69,770 5.9	69,660 6.3	68,720 6.2	68,500 6.4	69,480 6.0	70,220 5.5	70,570 5.2	70,850 5.3	70,970 5.4	69,760 6.2	69,720 5.8	69,140 5.8	68,780 5.0
Walker	30,633 15.2	28,983 11.0	29,070 11.6	29,100 11.3	29,220 10.9	28,970 10.1	28,920 10.0	28,970 9.8	28,910 9.5	29,070 10.1	29,000 9.6	28,720 11.0	28,620 10.6	28,130 9.7	27,930 8.6
Washington	5,594 19.4	5,719 13.4	5,370 13.6	5,560 12.7	5,890 12.1	5,820 11.2	5,780 10.8	5,770 10.2	5,860 11.1	5,870 10.6	5,910 10.8	5,870 11.3	5,860 10.9	5,810 10.1	5,910 10.1
Wilcox	4,402 16.8	4,407 12.6	4,400 12.5	4,420 13.0	4,470 12.8	4,540 13.6	4,480 14.3	4,450 13.2	4,400 11.7	4,380 11.0	4,330 11.1	4,270 12.9	4,270 12.1	4,210 12.2	4,200 13.1
Winston	10,288 21.1	9,883 13.9	9,690 14.0	9,880 12.3	10,120 12.0	10,160 11.8	10,210 11.2	9,940 10.3	10,060 10.4	9,900 10.6	9,860 11.6	9,950 13.9	9,940 16.5	9,790 13.4	9,730 10.4
TRADE															
Foreign															
Imports, Total (C.I.F.)[5] Value *($1,000)*		1,031,400	87,200	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	87,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	73,100	72,200	85,400	
Exports, Total (F.A.S)[6] Value *($1,000)*		1,849,400	146,900	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	149,000	174,800	209,900	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,701	29,363	2,614	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848	2,567	2,508	2,507	2,603
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	26,789	28,038	1,900	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141	2,669	2,339	2,162	1,914
Gasoline sales[8] *(1,000 gallons)*	2,012,114	2,084,218	177,497	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724	155,061	154,506	173,622	
New passenger car registrations[9] *(number)*	159,481	140,070	12,573	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545	10,042	10,374	11,805	11,408
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,953	4,092	347	353	353	364	348	344	338	317	348	327	311	332	340
General merchandise	2,739	2,862	243	236	225	217	231	222	238	275	402	182	187	250	252
Apparel	793	853	75	64	64	61	73	69	72	79	123	51	54	84	70
Furniture, furnishings, etc	920	975	75	78	82	81	82	80	79	83	118	70	71	84	76
Automotive	3,960	4,015	361	360	379	378	394	351	319	279	314	287	330	382	369
Gasoline service stations	267	286	24	25	26	26	25	24	24	23	24	21	21	24	24
Lumber and building materials	1,518	1,674	156	151	156	157	150	149	151	132	124	94	114	148	153
Hardware and farm implements	218	228	20	21	19	20	20	20	21	18	21	15	16	19	22
Eating places	1,569	1,714	142	147	147	152	153	143	148	138	150	130	131	152	150
Drug stores	384	391	32	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46	35	34	32	34
All other retail	1,925	2,051	163	163	161	160	161	162	175	180	266	161	165	179	162
Total sales by retail concerns	18,246	19,140	1,637	1,633	1,644	1,648	1,667	1,595	1,595	1,554	1,934	1,373	1,434	1,686	1,653
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,568	2,721	229	231	236	237	234	244	244	222	232	195	208	237	234
Total all sales at retail	20,814	21,861	1,866	1,864	1,880	1,885	1,901	1,839	1,839	1,776	2,167	1,567	1,642	1,923	1,887

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987									1988			
	1986	1987	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	602,053	51,729	51,126	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,152	50,166	49,717	57,846	42,881	42,463	51,582	53,115
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,793,077	491,004	492,829	499,926	497,742	504,477	491,917	478,145	463,708	559,171	416,398	448,697	497,865	490,812
Dothan	686,890	694,447	60,454	58,797	60,353	60,942	60,139	57,215	56,873	54,761	67,380	47,053	48,988	61,412	58,213
Florence	685,562	718,457	62,245	61,321	60,993	61,908	62,631	59,837	59,794	59,693	73,769	47,701	53,414	65,584	63,428
Gadsden	497,223	524,648	44,590	44,101	45,146	46,691	45,414	43,385	45,084	42,591	51,676	38,506	39,053	48,322	46,417
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,301,939	111,997	111,969	111,257	111,781	114,048	108,771	109,256	107,080	126,118	91,516	100,256	115,704	116,364
Mobile	2,283,409	2,310,904	202,823	200,888	200,886	205,449	200,667	190,642	193,001	179,582	216,490	168,085	166,848	195,579	197,204
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,718,959	150,481	146,445	149,370	148,469	146,208	142,847	140,485	134,781	170,936	120,487	126,021	150,462	148,701
Tuscaloosa	717,147	739,317	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,602	58,346	72,848	52,890	56,833	63,324	62,684
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,256	10,664	10,401	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,192	10,429	9,085	10,365	8,496	8,913	10,605	11,326
Baldwin	368,427	373,741	33,290	34,260	34,905	37,619	34,270	30,172	29,974	26,477	30,497	24,861	26,236	30,757	32,890
Barbour	82,125	84,883	7,480	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,055	6,944	7,091	7,644	8,390	6,026	6,045	6,904	6,921
Bibb	49,910	51,649	4,411	4,620	4,489	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,399	4,405	4,897	3,653	3,510	4,207	4,346
Blount	101,329	110,408	9,819	10,340	9,600	9,994	9,526	9,169	9,516	9,066	10,018	7,778	7,798	9,484	9,747
Bullock	25,847	25,257	2,079	1,938	1,970	2,016	2,318	1,985	2,138	2,009	2,254	2,200	1,944	2,155	1,855
Butler	63,879	62,673	5,688	5,168	5,409	5,562	5,449	4,968	5,221	4,713	5,636	4,459	4,818	5,299	5,341
Calhoun	594,215	602,053	51,729	51,126	51,088	52,226	53,152	51,152	50,166	49,717	57,846	42,881	42,463	51,582	53,115
Chambers	116,896	125,632	11,279	10,511	11,010	11,254	11,191	10,575	11,155	10,136	11,307	9,590	9,003	10,691	10,256
Cherokee	50,392	51,202	4,715	4,476	4,548	4,516	4,117	4,884	4,114	3,996	4,501	3,648	4,124	5,037	4,618
Chilton	117,577	122,601	10,758	10,949	11,049	10,079	10,707	9,783	10,137	10,062	11,236	8,974	9,493	11,381	11,346
Choctaw	36,495	38,223	3,320	3,340	3,188	3,319	3,229	3,076	3,291	2,850	3,488	2,876	2,742	2,995	2,866
Clarke	106,904	104,584	8,909	9,151	9,330	9,280	8,927	8,772	8,999	8,047	9,837	7,397	7,430	8,857	8,453
Clay	30,626	31,967	2,556	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,542	2,673	2,647	2,711	2,116	2,492	2,710	2,687
Cleburne	24,013	26,921	2,061	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,358	2,070	2,209	1,844	2,131	2,276	2,314
Coffee	207,873	210,094	17,960	19,943	17,230	18,495	18,701	16,921	16,658	16,706	18,931	14,385	14,890	18,086	19,098
Colbert	265,879	293,731	25,991	25,182	26,045	25,631	25,915	25,995	25,108	24,502	26,812	19,305	21,680	27,382	26,470
Conecuh	33,825	32,442	2,958	2,799	2,727	2,770	2,804	2,570	2,580	2,502	2,663	2,291	2,027	2,340	2,531
Coosa	10,108	12,707	1,033	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,031	1,034	766	1,110	1,093	1,033
Covington	141,098	142,905	12,715	12,421	12,198	12,574	12,224	12,289	12,214	10,822	13,107	9,767	10,328	12,343	11,811
Crenshaw	38,643	40,370	3,059	2,944	3,778	3,519	3,872	3,390	3,232	3,152	3,602	2,978	2,861	3,468	3,239
Cullman	266,551	269,221	23,983	23,875	23,860	23,720	24,068	20,870	22,475	21,081	24,227	17,058	20,348	24,275	23,966
Dale	118,237	121,060	10,535	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,603	9,430	10,062	9,845	11,113	8,361	8,853	9,958	10,699
Dallas	211,690	219,313	19,273	19,199	19,028	18,954	19,569	18,105	18,441	17,867	20,622	14,800	15,456	18,102	18,281
DeKalb	200,558	212,045	17,573	18,755	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,710	18,251	17,567	19,281	15,693	16,109	18,810	19,261
Elmore	110,904	111,765	9,616	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,727	9,216	9,423	8,421	10,175	8,074	8,626	9,902	10,216
Escambia	140,786	136,434	11,953	11,834	11,857	11,841	11,957	11,309	11,194	10,793	12,490	9,429	9,814	11,797	11,615
Etowah	497,225	524,648	44,590	44,101	45,146	46,691	45,414	43,385	45,084	42,591	51,676	38,506	39,053	48,322	46,417
Fayette	69,143	66,586	5,701	5,279	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,956	5,343	6,844	4,246	4,808	5,683	5,815
Franklin	101,756	108,585	9,329	9,584	9,673	9,266	9,555	9,322	9,204	8,719	10,365	7,323	7,742	9,634	9,786
Geneva	141,556	131,211	11,453	11,152	11,715	11,234	11,127	11,142	9,969	10,213	10,884	9,494	9,278	10,192	10,270
Greene	18,569	18,714	1,756	1,752	1,615	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,360	1,418	1,470	1,327	1,389	1,499	1,655
Hale	32,720	30,315	2,712	2,653	2,852	2,791	2,833	2,525	2,133	2,162	2,461	2,126	1,975	2,444	2,336
Henry	38,200	41,292	3,818	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,476	3,572	3,022	3,673	2,893	2,938	3,363	3,640
Houston	568,657	573,387	49,919	48,365	49,746	50,583	49,536	47,785	46,811	44,916	56,267	38,692	40,135	51,454	47,514
Jackson	156,051	166,016	14,628	15,023	14,333	14,632	14,454	13,819	13,828	12,693	15,101	10,683	12,059	14,656	15,377
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,819,936	409,572	406,777	414,364	411,155	417,396	409,452	393,856	385,580	472,977	342,832	372,645	411,318	404,297
Lamar	38,627	37,097	3,164	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,587	2,913	3,069	2,455	2,458	2,891	2,915
Lauderdale	419,683	424,726	36,254	36,139	34,948	36,277	36,716	33,842	34,686	35,191	46,957	28,396	31,734	38,202	36,958
Lawrence	61,902	65,186	5,415	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,875	5,638	6,958	4,685	4,503	5,678	5,592
Lee	389,424	403,031	34,630	33,912	34,477	34,288	33,858	36,155	34,996	33,734	38,720	31,506	28,999	34,599	35,699
Limestone	186,763	195,871	16,857	16,954	17,124	17,312	17,819	16,112	16,180	15,323	18,241	17,071	14,461	17,120	17,040
Lowndes	22,608	21,655	1,811	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,973	1,893	1,533	1,586	2,160	1,393	1,647	1,879	1,807
Macon	49,138	53,573	4,757	4,677	4,734	4,623	5,044	4,774	4,072	3,774	4,550	4,117	4,078	4,478	3,732
Madison	1,242,238	1,301,939	111,997	111,969	111,257	111,781	114,048	108,771	109,256	107,080	126,118	91,516	100,256	115,704	116,364
Marengo	78,482	81,055	7,053	6,685	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,114	6,392	7,782	5,584	6,040	6,992	6,614
Marion	109,604	110,874	9,313	9,588	9,715	9,310	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,080	10,439	7,785	8,460	9,884	9,776
Marshall	413,348	427,567	37,450	37,808	36,978	37,081	37,698	35,517	36,117	35,574	39,472	28,638	32,207	37,890	38,992
Mobile	1,914,922	1,937,163	169,533	166,628	165,981	167,830	166,397	160,470	163,027	153,105	185,993	143,224	140,612	164,822	164,314
Monroe	76,622	73,126	5,962	6,247	6,245	6,642	6,391	6,033	5,903	5,907	7,189	5,275	5,408	6,355	6,628
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,484,938	130,201	126,464	128,298	127,154	125,372	123,439	120,633	117,275	150,396	103,917	108,482	129,955	127,159
Morgan	567,117	584,446	50,135	50,752	50,371	49,002	53,277	49,552	49,511	46,827	55,883	39,903	43,933	50,526	52,990
Perry	24,819	23,730	2,214	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,984	2,038	1,887	1,734	2,036	1,592	1,748	2,022	1,871
Pickens	44,711	42,339	3,746	3,707	3,792	4,003	3,696	3,421	3,525	2,992	3,658	2,678	3,061	3,582	3,253
Pike	109,036	115,024	10,095	9,767	9,617	9,710	9,973	9,902	9,929	9,244	10,995	8,759	8,331	10,127	10,081
Randolph	58,587	59,776	5,038	4,936	4,764	4,807	4,729	5,071	5,233	4,712	5,707	4,955	4,791	5,244	4,964
Russell	128,144	131,602	11,589	11,151	10,990	11,526	11,388	11,539	10,860	10,448	12,762	9,079	9,453	11,457	11,477
St. Clair	150,423	151,084	12,311	13,596	13,577	15,037	14,292	12,712	12,190	11,589	12,937	10,774	11,930	12,876	12,796
Shelby	314,788	347,910	28,504	29,540	30,988	30,388	29,999	30,381	31,178	28,158	29,764	27,746	27,658	31,218	30,221
Sumter	31,053	32,577	2,800	2,712	2,723	2,674	2,680	2,549	2,940	2,688	3,077	2,328	2,116	2,706	2,693
Talladega	275,222	299,328	25,851	28,869	25,557	27,917	25,803	24,391	25,187	22,966	28,410	21,713	22,126	27,432	27,371
Tallapoosa	147,115	152,976	13,143	13,997	14,273	13,291	13,446	11,887	12,543	11,979	13,488	10,845	11,611	13,146	13,190
Tuscaloosa	717,107	739,317	62,300	61,355	62,421	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,602	58,346	72,848	52,890	56,833	63,324	62,684
Walker	344,683	363,739	30,798	32,576	31,397	31,168	33,264	30,203	31,405	29,315	33,475	27,268	28,666	32,969	33,751
Washington	20,902	22,232	1,936	2,120	2,196	2,023	2,090	1,919	1,812	1,864	1,545	1,621	1,696	2,026	1,776
Wilcox	25,124	23,206	2,041	2,095	1,986	1,918	1,866	1,842	1,893	1,658	2,087	1,660	1,433	1,751	1,645
Winston	83,769	92,154	7,923	8,429	8,204	9,126	7,737	7,537	7,868	7,451	7,941	6,629	6,291	7,975	8,690
Statewide[10]	1,334,557	1,845,214	142,431	143,399	151,767	149,060	155,381	161,820	172,051	177,637	251,081	143,242	147,868	187,393	160,847

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[5] CIF=costs, insurance, and freight.

[6] FAS=free alongside ship.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law.

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A Survey of Student Market Behavior at The University of Alabama details and profiles the market activities of the student population at The University of Alabama. The Survey, which was developed and completed by The University of Alabama Small Business Development Center, contains nearly 40 pages of data concerning the purchasing habits, media preferences, and leisure activities of the University student population.

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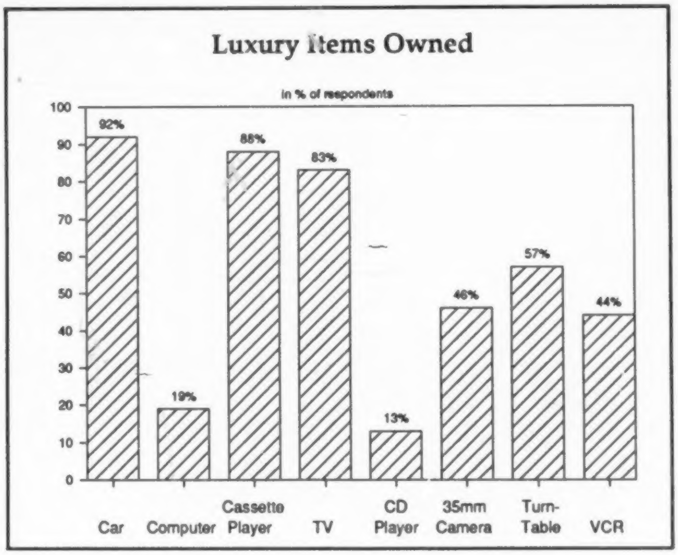

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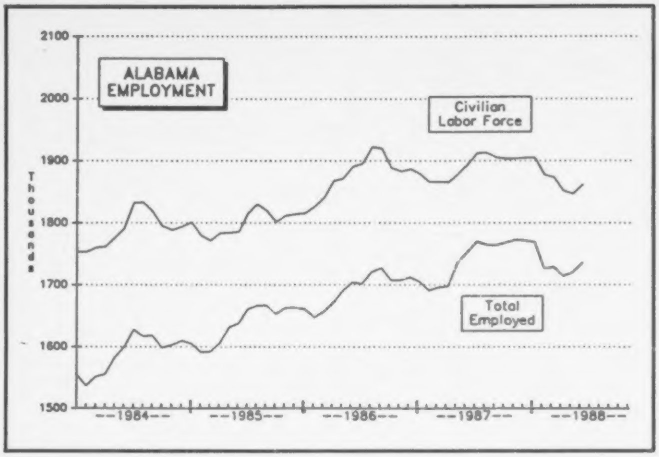
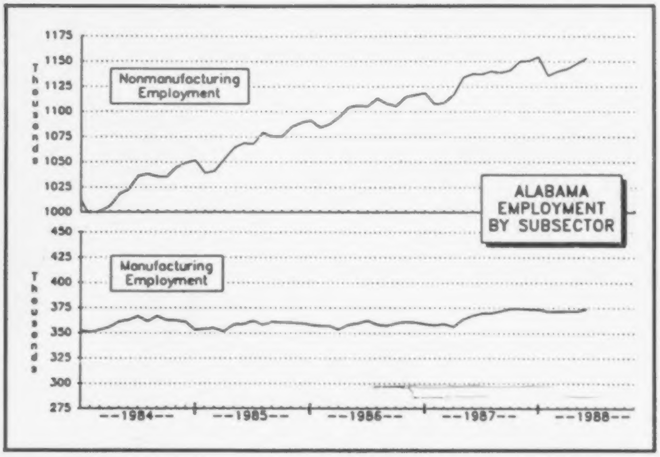


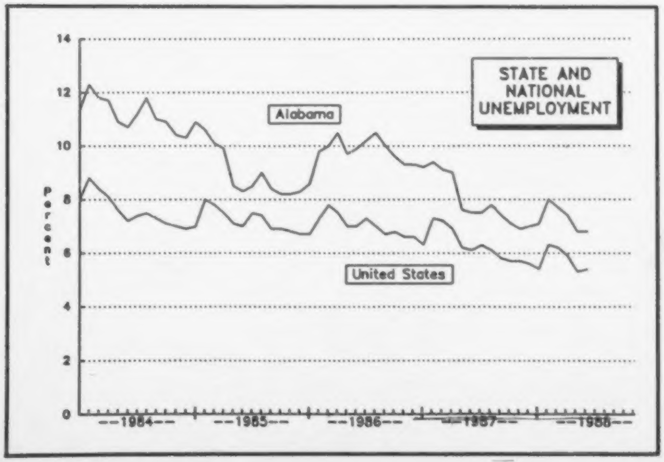
Alabama Employment

The number of people employed in Alabama dropped during the first quarter, but has begun to increase in the second quarter of 1988. The chart shows that employment has very definite peaks and valleys associated with the time of the year. Fortunately, for several years the peaks have been getting higher and the valleys shallower.



Alabama Employment By Subsector

People in Alabama who work in nonmanufacturing industries outnumber people who work in manufacturing three to one. During 1988, manufacturing employment has been stable at about 374,000. Nonmanufacturing employment had a seasonal downturn early in the year but is showing a strong recovery.



State and National Unemployment

The Alabama unemployment situation is not divorced from the national picture. The chart shows that rises and dips in the national rate have matching rises and dips in the state rate. The challenge is to narrow the gap so that Alabama's unemployment rate does not stay higher than the national rate.

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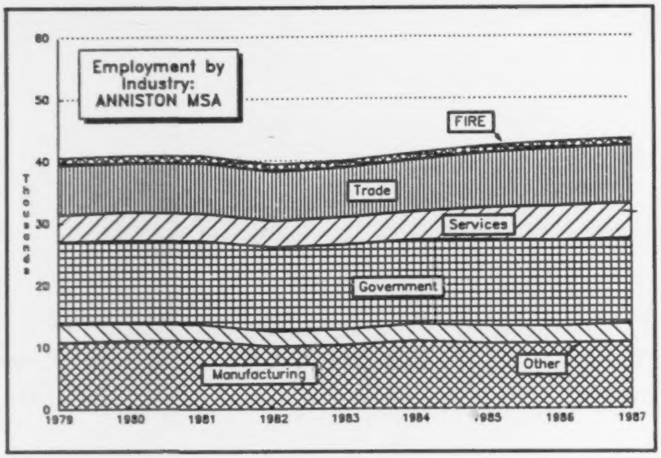
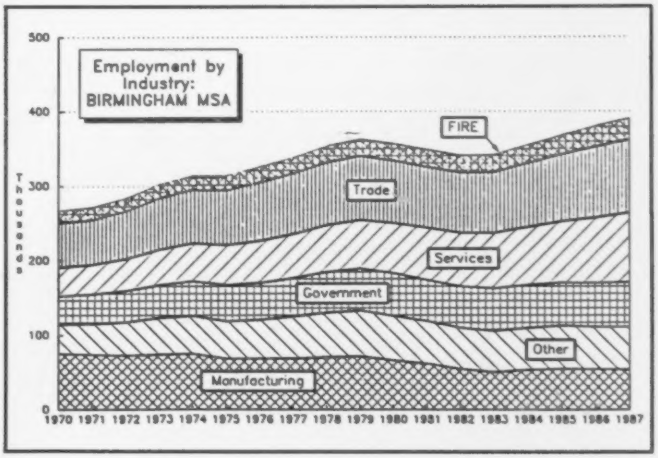


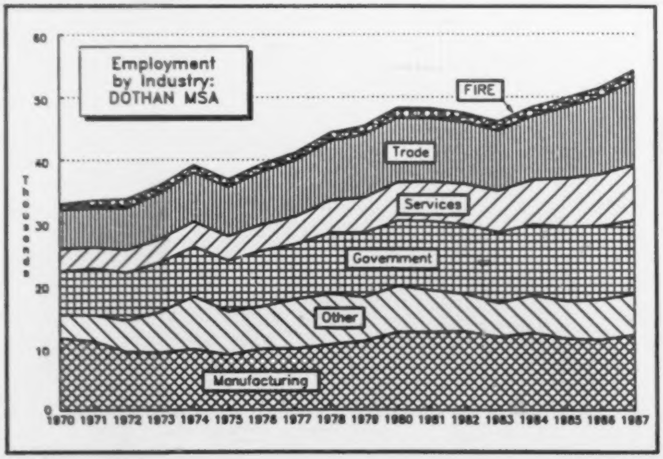
Anniston MSA

Slow growth has characterized nonagricultural employment in the Anniston MSA in the 1980s. The largest sector, government, has grown only 3 percent (amounting to 440 new jobs) over that period.



Birmingham MSA

The Birmingham MSA has seen a rapid transformation of its employment base. The slow, steady decline in the number of manufacturing jobs has been more than offset by phenomenal growth in other sectors, especially trade and services.



Dothan MSA

Employment growth in the Dothan MSA reflects the maturation of the city of Dothan as the commerial center of the tri-state area. After being designated as an MSA in 1983, this region saw jobs in the trade sector grow 38 percent over the next four years

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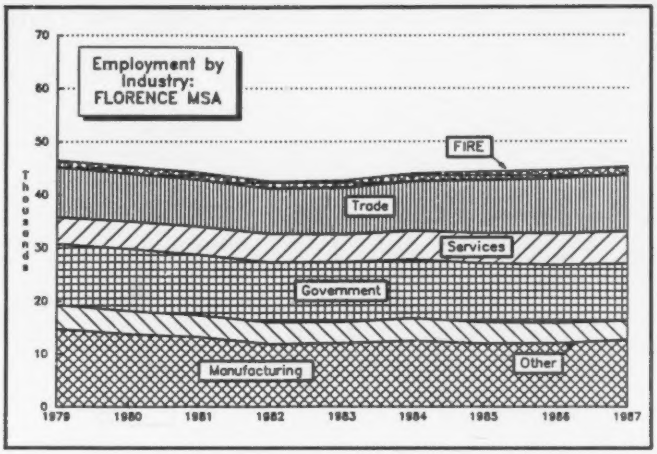
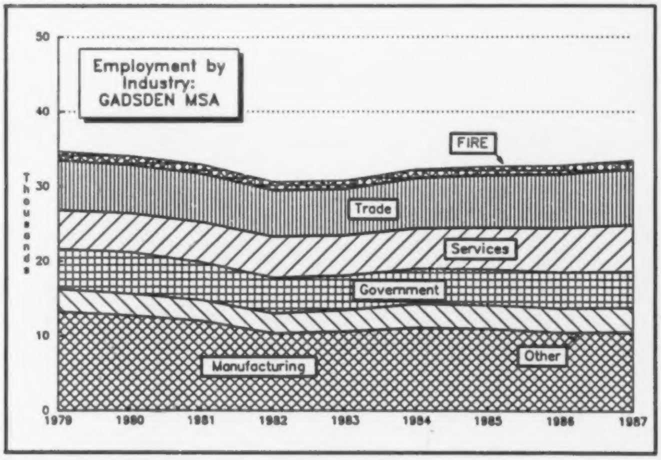


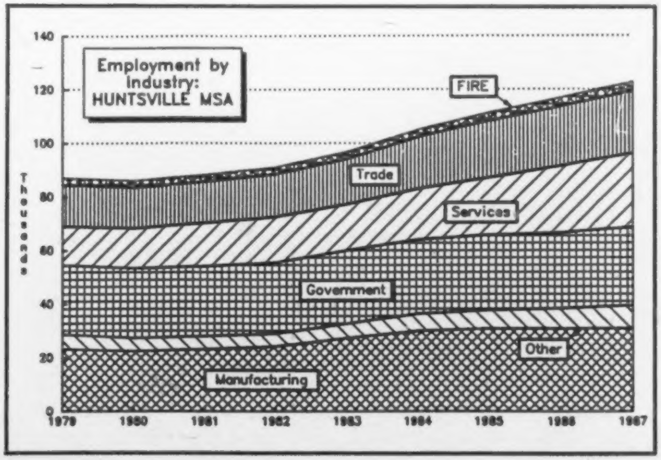
Florence MSA

The Florence MSA was hurt by the 1982-83 recession but did participate in the statewide recovery. The only sector which has exhibited quick growth is finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE), but this growth accounted for less than 350 new jobs between 1979 and 1987.

Gadsden MSA

There were fewer nonagricultural jobs in the Gadsden MSA in 1987 than there were in 1979. This manufacturing-dependent MSA faces difficulty, with manufacturing employment not much higher than that at the worst of the 1982-83 recession.





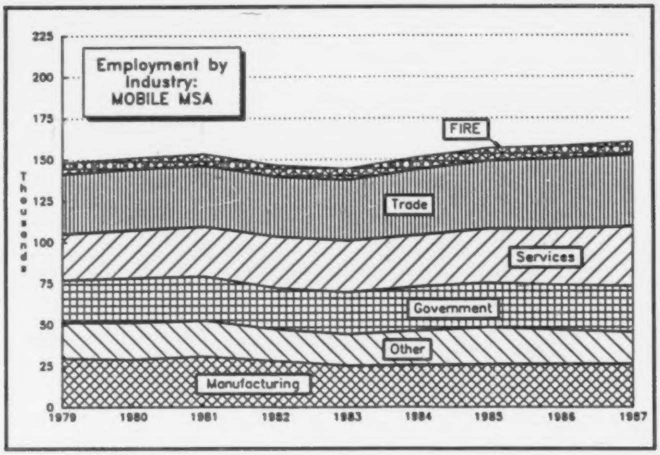
Huntsville MSA

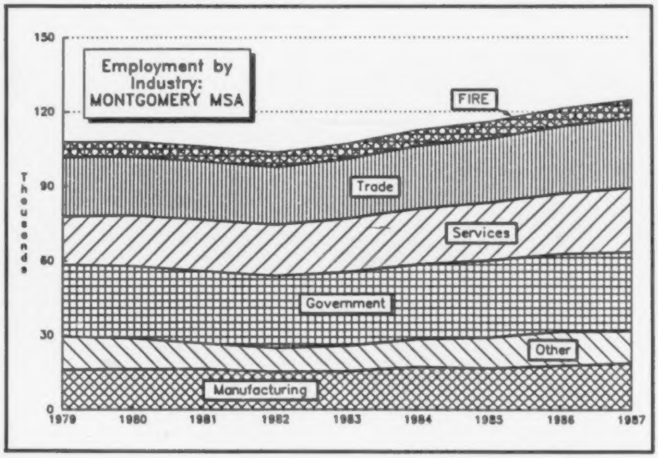
Aided by recent increases in military spending, nonagricultural employment in the Huntsville MSA has grown by more than one third since 1979. This growth has included a startling 30+ percent increase in the number of manufacturing jobs.

MSA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Mobile MSA

Like most Alabama MSAs, the Mobile MSA has experienced the 1980s as two periods of growth punctuated by a sharp recession. More than 20 percent of all manufacturing jobs in the Mobile MSA were lost in a two-year period (1981 to 1983).



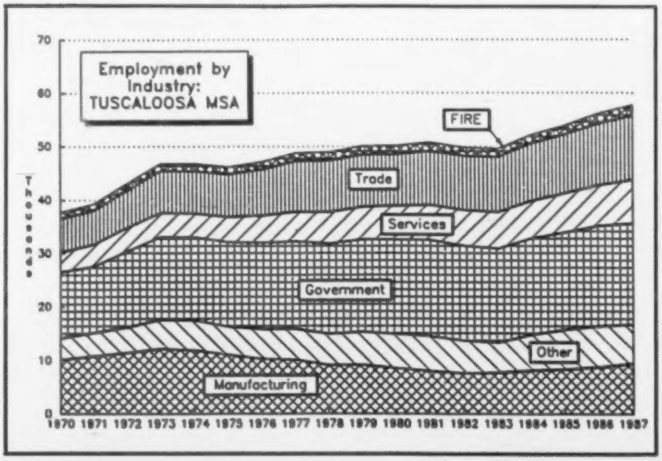


Montgomery MSA

There are actually more manufacturing jobs in this MSA now than there were in 1979. Although Montgomery is the state capital, the government sector provides a higher *proportion* of nonagricultual jobs in the Tuscaloosa MSA than it does in this one.

Tuscaloosa MSA

As the home of numerous state institutions, the Tuscaloosa MSA has an employment base that is dominated by government. Surprisingly, the fastest rate of growth has been seen in the mining industry (included in "Other") where employment increased 13-fold from 1970 to 1985.



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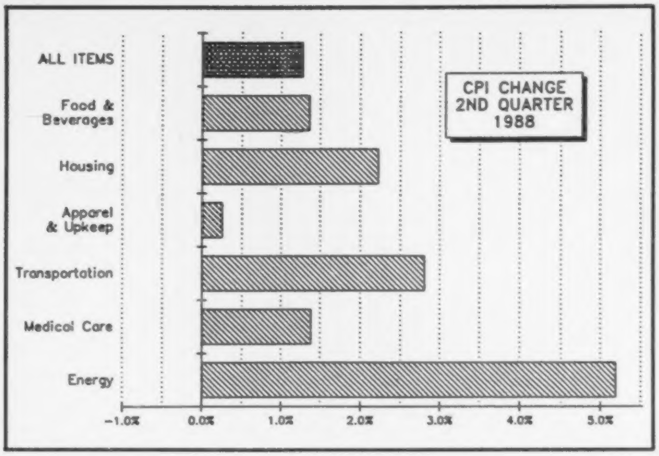
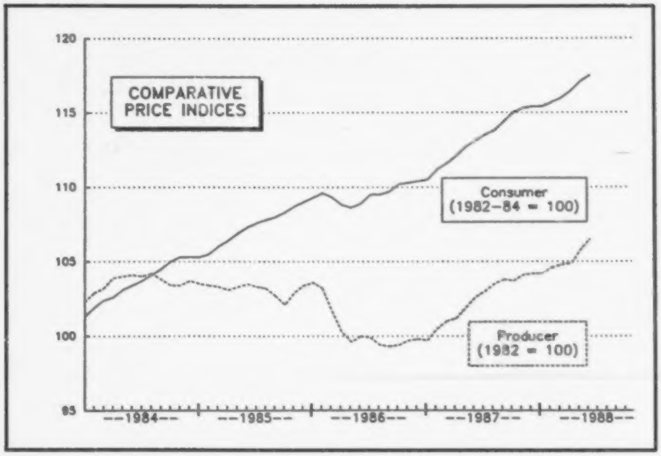


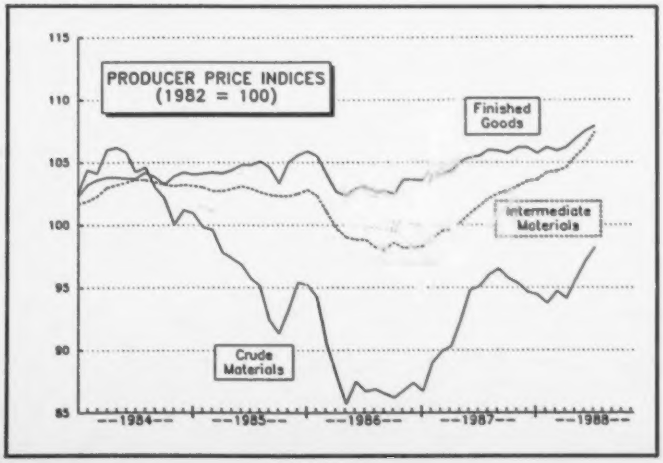
Consumer Price Indices

Energy costs in the second quarter of 1988 contributed to a bigger overall increase in the CPI. However, every indicator shows an increase over the fourth quarter of 1987.



Consumer and Producer Price Indices

Consumer and producer prices have been trending sharply upward during the last quarter. This continues an upward reach that has not stopped moving upward since early 1987.



Producer Price Indices

The price of intermediate materials is approaching that of finished goods. Intermediate materials include such things as industrial chemicals, paperboard, boxes, electrical components, and sealants.

Crude materials include foodstuffs and feedstuffs such as cattle, chickens, fresh vegetables and fruits, wheat, and hay. Crude nonfood materials include things like raw cotton, leaf tobacco, logs, timber, iron ore, and iron and steel scrap.

OTHER INDICATORS

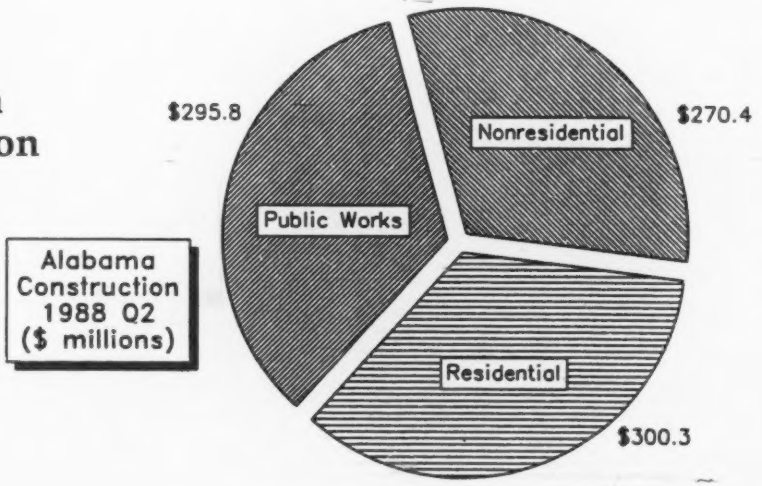
Total Personal Income

	1987 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	1988 Q1
U.S.	3,652.506	3,688,316	3,749,283	3,855,169	3,844,290
Alabama	47,078	47,472	48,508	49,751	50,206
Share of nation	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Percent change	1.4	0.8	2.2	2.6	0.9
Southeast	753,302	762,936	778,362	799,072	807,834
Share of nation	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.7	20.8
Percent change	1.8	1.3	2.0	2.7	1.1

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, special tabulations.

Note: Income is in millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

Alabama Construction



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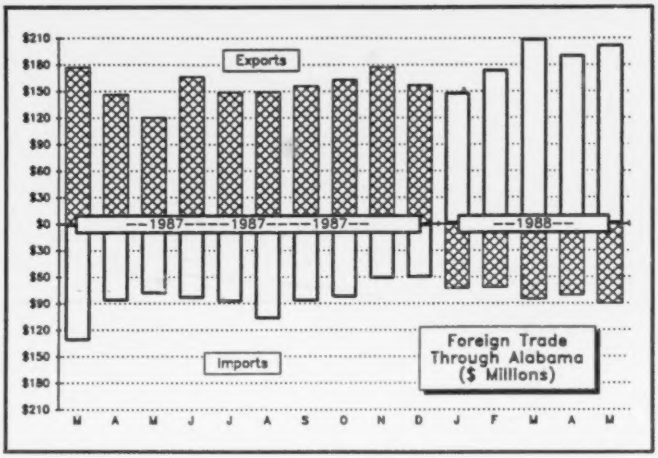
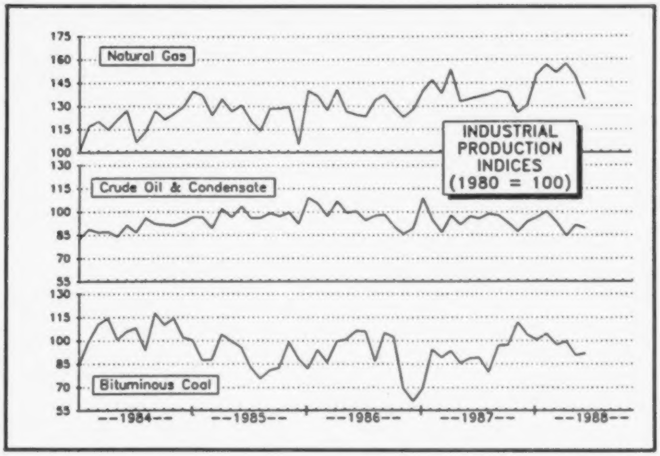


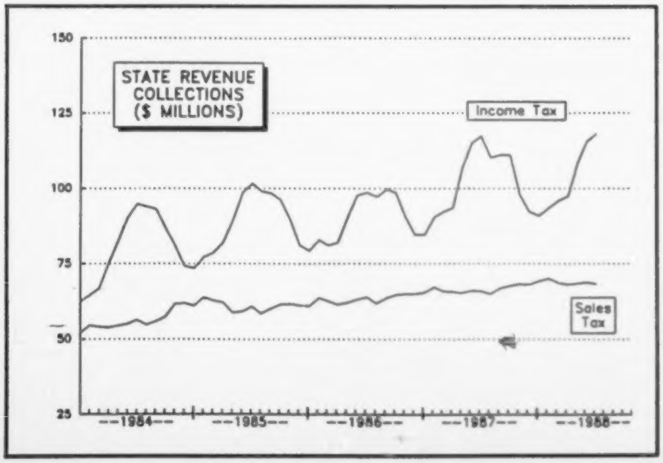
Foreign Trade

Most of the international cargo traffic which passes through Alabama ports and other facilities constitutes exports. This is in contrast to national statistics, where, overall, imports currently lead exports by a wide margin.



Industrial Production Indices

Natural gas production shows a rise at the beginning of every year. Following that seasonal increase, natural gas production has declined in 1988. Crude oil and condensate production has varied, but has remained within a more narrow range than gas or coal. Bituminous coal production has been falling in 1988, but not precipitously.



State Revenue Collections

This six-month moving average graph shows how the relative contributions of income and sales taxes to state revenues are changing. Income tax revenues have been rising faster than sales tax revenues for at least ten years.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987								1988				
	1986	1987	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,895	24,870	1,949	1,961	1,753	2,131	2,137	2,460	2,281	2,213	2,304	2,144	2,192	1,991	2,023
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	146,936	155,990	12,622	12,759	12,888	13,087	12,981	11,777	12,239	14,087	14,686	14,177	14,751	13,980	12,460
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	419,377	483,311	38,640	40,260	38,203	40,152	42,680	42,900	40,803	40,020	37,926	41,055	45,494	38,913	41,008
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	21,399	20,621	1,767	1,742	1,804	1,779	1,694	1,595	1,712	1,759	1,827	1,703	1,544	1,674	1,625
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,314	24,675	2,161	2,088	2,121	2,235	2,134	2,152	2,098	2,020	2,059	2,063	2,108	2,106	2,216
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,485	6,904	579	577	593	578	563	583	548	606	623	567	580	578	560
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,984,600	3,160,100	245,500	328,500	263,500	263,400	322,700	371,800	198,600	218,500	183,400	222,400	230,200	263,400	277,100
Residential	1,453,200	1,326,700	115,000	105,300	111,900	117,900	122,600	108,500	99,000	80,900	76,500	91,300	109,200	93,000	93,100
Nonresidential	995,300	1,069,200	57,500	142,700	79,800	74,300	155,400	100,400	59,400	90,200	90,100	88,600	62,100	121,800	47,300
Public works and utilities	536,100	764,200	72,900	80,500	71,800	71,400	44,700	162,800	40,200	47,400	16,700	42,600	58,900	48,700	136,600
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,334	1,401	126	127	135	119	122	138	115	107	76	98	130	124	134
TAX COLLECTIONS															
Title of Tax *($1,000)*															
Total	2,846,837	3,052,983	287,881	235,684	226,349	252,703	252,037	233,201	257,762	237,053	243,813	254,571	294,974	304,905	293,848
Franchise	75,088	85,027	1,510	7,965	8,472	1,298	4,665	1,671	611	1,591	808	3,883	52,928	1,373	1,411
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,667	213,006	17,625	17,660	18,149	19,388	18,122	17,949	18,832	17,416	19,487	16,468	16,317	18,346	17,904
Income	1,099,406	1,249,376	151,384	103,946	53,470	117,167	105,140	55,799	117,421	95,930	69,466	131,668	114,508	120,451	161,604
Motor fuels	53,604	56,856	4,709	4,526	4,048	5,788	3,754	6,043	6,566	4,784	5,070	5,471	3,995	4,688	5,546
Oil/gas privilege	42,775	35,150	4,411	2,795	3,237	3,100	2,878	3,539	2,675	3,343	2,666	2,835	3,582	4,993	2,861
Oil/gas production	11,859	9,962	1,249	761	937	881	807	996	772	958	777	797	1,026	1,358	828
Sales	775,708	810,128	69,539	66,562	68,913	68,192	67,302	68,763	67,923	74,278	74,133	59,345	63,508	71,458	70,332
2.2% gross receipts	56,147	57,351	13	1	14,117	85	5	14,576	89	39	14,521	160	29	14,520	137
TVA electric	45,346	47,383	7,684	3,842	0	3,842	3,842	4,365	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220	4,220
Tobacco	73,282	72,605	6,465	6,073	6,732	5,945	5,750	6,805	5,847	6,426	5,958	5,151	5,643	6,037	5,997
Use	84,390	88,397	2,126	668	21,605	1,062	845	20,501	1,242	950	21,618	1,178	1,651	20,373	1,329
Utility	160,233	165,984	11,882	12,878	16,124	17,758	11,131	14,343	12,528	13,220	15,721	14,550	14,865	13,650	11,802
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. *(1982-84 = 100)*															
All items	109.6	113.6	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5
Percent change	1.1	4.3	.4	4	3	.5	.5	3	1	0	3	.3	4	5	.3
Food	108.9	113.5	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	114.7	115.7	115.7	115.9	116.6	117.0
Housing	110.8	114.2	113.6	114.3	114.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.6	116.2	116.6	117.0	117.3	117.7
Fuel and utilities	104.1	103.0	102.2	104.9	105.0	105.9	105.5	103.2	102.4	102.0	102.4	102.8	102.7	102.8	103.5
Apparel and upkeep	105.9	110.6	111.1	109.3	107.3	109.4	113.3	115.4	115.4	112.7	110.4	110.2	114.3	117.0	116.3
Transportation	102.3	105.4	104.7	105.4	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	107.8	107.6	107.1	106.8	106.5	107.2	108.1
Medical care	122.0	130.1	129.2	129.9	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.3	132.8	133.1	134.4	135.5	136.3	136.9	137.5
Energy	88.2	88.6	87.4	90.7	91.1	92.7	92.3	89.8	89.0	88.3	87.4	87.0	86.5	87.3	88.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1982 = 100)*															
All commodities	100.2	102.8	102.6	103.0	103.5	103.8	103.7	104.1	104.2	104.2	104.6	104.8	104.9	105.8	106.5
Industrial commodities	100.0	102.6	101.9	102.4	103.1	103.7	103.5	104.0	104.2	104.2	104.4	104.6	104.7	105.6	106.1
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. As measured by															
Consumer prices *(1982-84 = $1.000)*	.912	.880	.884	.881	.879	.874	.870	.867	.867	.867	.864	.862	.858	.854	.851
Wholesale prices *(1982 = $1.000)*	.998	.973	.975	.971	.966	.963	.964	.961	.960	.960	.956	.954	.953	.945	.939
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,881.0	1,893.0	1,894.0	1,912.6	1,913.0	1,904.9	1,903.0	1,903.6	1,904.8	1,904.7	1,877.[illegible]	1,872.9	1,851.3	1,846.2	1,862.1
Unemployment	185.0	147.0	141.6	142.8	148.7	141.2	134.6	130.6	133.9	135.5	150.[illegible]	144.2	137.5	125.9	126.4
Unemployment rate	9.8	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.1	8.[illegible]	7.7	7.4	6.8	6.8
Employment	1,696.0	1,746.0	1,752.4	1,769.8	1,764.3	1,763.7	1,768.4	1,773.0	1,770.9	1,769.2	1,726.[illegible]	1,728.7	1,713.8	1,720.3	1,735.7
Nonagricultural	1,463.3	1,502.2	1,504.8	1,506.6	1,509.9	1,510.3	1,515.4	1,524.3	1,524.0	1,527.9	1,507.[illegible]	1,511.4	1,514.5	1,519.7	1,527.2
Manufacturing	358.6	367.6	367.3	369.7	369.9	371.9	374.2	374.3	373.4	373.4	371.4	371.3	371.8	371.8	373.8
Durable goods	174.0	177.3	177.5	178.3	177.9	179.9	180.5	180.7	180.1	180.6	179.2	179.4	180.0	180.6	181.5
Lumber and wood products	28.6	29.7	29.7	30.2	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.0	30.0	29.4	29.2	29.4	29.5	29.7
Stone, clay, glass products	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.8
Primary metals	25.3	25.7	26.0	26.3	25.4	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6	27.1	27.2	27.5	27.5
Fabricated metals	22.5	22.0	22.1	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.1	21.9	21.8	21.7	21.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	20.3	21.6	21.3	21.5	21.8	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.3	22.7	22.5	22.7	23.0	23.2	23.3
Electrical, electronic equip.	22.2	22.5	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.2	22.7	23.1	22.9	22.9	22.9	22.6	22.7
Transportation	27.5	28.0	28.6	27.9	27.9	27.9	28.1	27.9	28.0	27.5	27.8	27.7	27.9	28.1	28.3
Other durable goods	17.9	18.1	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.1	18.4	18.5
Nondurable goods	184.6	190.2	189.8	191.4	192.0	192.0	193.7	193.6	193.3	192.8	192.2	191.9	191.8	191.2	192.3
Food	29.9	31.0	30.5	31.2	31.7	31.5	31.8	31.9	31.9	31.7	31.3	31.1	31.0	31.0	31.1
Textile mill products	37.4	38.7	38.5	39.0	38.7	39.0	39.3	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.2	39.1	39.0	38.6	38.9
Apparel	54.3	56.1	56.2	56.7	56.7	57.1	57.9	57.5	57.1	56.3	56.4	56.4	56.3	56.0	56.9
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.7	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.6
Printing and publishing	12.3	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.3	13.2	13.1
Chemicals and allied products	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	11.0	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.5
Rubber products	16.6	17.6	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.8
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Nonmanufacturing	1,104.7	1,134.7	1,137.5	1,136.9	1,140.0	1,138.4	1,141.2	1,150.0	1,150.6	1,154.5	1,135.7	1,140.1	1,142.7	1,147.9	1,153.4
Mining and quarrying	12.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	10.5	11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5	11.3	11.4	11.3
Bituminous coal mining	8.4	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.7
Contract construction	74.9	74.0	74.2	76.4	76.4	76.6	75.4	76.5	74.5	74.4	70.9	72.0	72.9	73.3	74.9
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.7	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.1	73.1	72.9	72.6	72.3	72.3	71.8	72.0	72.1	72.4	72.8
Trade	319.6	332.0	332.2	333.5	333.4	334.2	335.0	337.0	340.0	344.8	334.2	332.0	331.9	334.4	337.0
Wholesale	77.1	78.4	78.5	79.2	78.9	78.7	78.9	79.1	78.7	78.9	78.5	78.6	78.8	79.3	79.3
Retail	242.5	253.6	253.7	254.3	254.5	255.5	256.1	257.9	261.3	265.9	255.7	253.4	253.1	255.1	257.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	69.1	70.5	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.3	70.9	70.4	70.0	70.2	69.5	69.6	69.8	70.0	70.2
Service and miscellaneous	259.0	274.8	274.1	276.6	277.5	278.1	279.7	279.4	278.7	278.7	276.1	278.4	280.6	282.0	282.3
Government	298.0	299.6	302.4	294.5	297.5	293.7	295.7	302.3	303.4	302.5	301.7	304.6	304.1	304.4	304.9
Federal	64.1	66.0	65.4	66.2	66.4	66.6	66.5	67.1	67.3	67.2	66.6	66.6	65.9	65.5	65.5
State and local	233.9	233.6	237.0	228.3	231.1	227.1	229.2	235.2	236.1	235.3	235.1	238.0	238.2	238.9	239.4

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987								1988				
	1986	1987	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	242,053	224,282	18,001	22,336	23,213	19,712	20,220	19,110	14,497	13,693	18,002	18,643	18,969	14,805	....
Nonagricultural placements	91,768	96,391	7,239	7,111	16,408	11,346	8,823	8,403	6,242	6,045	5,849	6,311	8,571	7,452	....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	425,763	349,204	24,170	20,294	43,003	21,509	17,802	20,349	21,512	33,724	58,703	25,736	25,183	21,895	....
Payments *($1,000)*	186,826	165,953	12,176	11,475	15,366	11,624	11,903	12,029	9,542	13,526	15,539	13,021	13,984	10,410	....
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,694	16,116	16,270	16,440	16,280	16,200	16,160	16,040	16,090	16,090	15,770	15,830	15,610	15,430	15,560
	7.9	7.0	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.4	6.7	5.6	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.6	4.8	5.2
Baldwin	38,264	39,863	39,880	40,220	40,030	39,800	40,000	39,650	39,750	40,330	39,450	39,680	39,180	39,260	39,200
	8.9	7.6	6.5	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.6	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8	7.8
Barbour	11,903	11,648	11,600	11,870	11,620	11,510	11,530	11,630	11,780	11,650	11,370	11,370	11,130	11,090	11,320
	9.5	8.0	7.6	8.4	7.9	7.5	7.8	7.2	7.3	6.7	7.9	7.7	8.0	7.5	7.7
Bibb	7,273	7,278	7,240	7,330	7,440	7,400	7,360	7,340	7,350	7,310	7,210	7,080	7,040	7,080	7,220
	13.3	11.1	10.3	8.9	10.3	9.7	10.8	9.3	10.5	12.8	14.0	10.5	9.7	9.2	8.5
Blount	16,682	17,620	17,700	17,740	17,580	17,650	17,670	17,500	17,540	17,810	17,820	17,710	17,490	17,480	17,550
	9.0	7.3	7.5	7.1	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.3	5.6	6.7	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.4	7.1
Bullock	3,971	3,801	3,660	3,910	3,980	3,920	3,820	3,870	3,880	3,900	3,780	3,680	3,690	3,670	3,720
	17.3	14.4	11.5	14.1	16.4	16.1	13.7	13.5	14.6	15.5	15.4	16.2	13.8	12.8	12.4
Butler	9,382	9,599	9,610	9,680	9,820	9,700	9,640	9,590	9,540	9,500	9,260	9,210	9,040	8,920	9,180
	11.7	10.6	9.6	10.1	12.2	12.2	10.6	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.9	10.3	10.9	9.1	7.8
Calhoun	51,892	51,596	51,480	51,680	51,740	51,730	51,380	51,800	51,850	52,010	51,900	51,400	50,810	50,580	50,690
	9.6	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.6	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.1	7.0
Chambers	17,241	17,510	17,200	17,650	17,790	17,870	17,940	17,850	17,850	17,750	17,400	17,480	17,300	17,310	17,410
	8.6	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.1
Cherokee	7,768	7,970	8,020	8,270	8,160	8,040	8,070	8,090	8,090	7,900	7,950	7,870	7,800	7,870	8,060
	13.5	8.7	8.6	8.3	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.6	6.9	9.2	7.5	6.6	6.0	6.3
Chilton	15,723	15,588	15,670	15,810	15,670	15,590	15,550	15,570	15,670	15,510	15,360	15,210	15,030	15,040	15,200
	10.6	9.5	9.4	8.3	9.4	8.7	7.9	7.1	8.9	9.3	9.8	8.4	7.4	7.0	6.7
Choctaw	7,481	7,003	6,950	7,130	7,150	7,200	7,050	7,090	7,070	6,960	7,060	6,920	6,820	7,010	6,960
	14.9	10.0	8.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.8	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.7
Clarke	11,363	11,461	11,230	11,430	11,500	11,430	11,440	11,680	11,800	11,780	11,680	11,560	11,350	11,260	11,250
	11.4	11.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.1	11.5	12.6	13.8	13.5	13.3	12.1	11.2	10.0
Clay	6,358	6,146	6,080	6,030	6,160	6,100	6,070	6,330	6,310	6,310	6,250	6,230	6,180	6,160	6,150
	15.0	8.9	8.8	9.2	8.6	7.5	6.4	6.0	5.7	7.0	8.3	7.4	7.8	8.1	7.7
Cleburne	5,719	5,431	5,500	5,380	5,400	5,310	5,300	5,330	5,330	5,350	5,430	5,310	5,330	5,360	5,500
	8.8	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.8	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.6	8.6	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.4
Coffee	17,625	17,960	18,230	18,350	18,210	18,290	18,250	18,190	18,230	17,950	17,610	17,610	17,590	17,570	17,810
	8.8	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.5	6.7	6.6	6.7	5.9	6.6
Colbert	24,628	23,872	24,070	24,040	23,930	23,870	23,750	23,680	23,550	23,760	23,430	23,470	22,990	22,670	22,850
	13.9	10.2	10.3	9.4	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.3	11.1	10.3	9.6	8.3	8.2
Conecuh	6,458	6,009	6,120	6,000	5,970	5,850	5,770	5,780	5,810	5,810	5,700	5,690	5,620	5,590	5,610
	16.0	16.0	16.2	16.2	14.9	13.4	12.6	12.0	12.9	12.1	12.7	12.2	12.3	12.3	10.0
Coosa	4,760	4,988	4,990	4,960	5,000	4,980	4,980	5,030	5,060	5,000	4,960	4,970	4,930	4,990	5,000
	8.0	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.5	5.7	4.9	5.7	6.2	5.6	6.1	5.5
Covington	17,224	17,413	17,440	17,570	17,740	17,470	17,390	17,750	17,690	17,680	17,460	17,440	17,170	17,000	17,180
	10.7	7.5	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.7	8.2	6.5	6.1
Crenshaw	6,187	6,538	6,550	6,730	6,670	6,620	6,610	6,670	6,660	6,570	6,470	6,430	6,330	6,300	6,370
	9.0	9.2	8.1	7.7	8.6	8.1	7.0	7.7	8.3	9.1	8.7	6.0	8.1	7.2	7.0
Cullman	31,390	31,713	31,970	32,240	32,220	32,110	31,910	31,810	31,820	31,890	31,410	31,100	30,830	30,600	30,940
	9.4	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.5	6.8	7.4	8.8	8.3	7.8	7.1	7.2
Dale	16,753	17,831	17,610	17,800	18,080	18,090	18,140	18,260	18,290	18,190	18,020	17,880	17,860	17,890	18,090
	10.1	7.5	6.8	6.8	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.3	6.5	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.0	8.1
Dallas	23,022	21,371	21,620	21,990	22,040	21,640	21,480	21,010	20,720	20,650	20,570	20,580	20,050	19,640	19,750
	15.9	14.6	15.4	15.8	16.2	15.6	15.0	13.7	13.0	12.5	13.8	13.9	12.9	11.7	11.3
DeKalb	28,748	29,014	29,110	29,630	29,780	29,600	29,290	29,190	29,250	29,250	28,780	28,770	28,360	28,510	29,010
	10.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.4	6.9	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.3	6.9
Elmore	21,013	21,000	20,990	21,400	21,340	21,260	21,140	21,130	21,170	21,250	20,950	20,970	20,690	20,480	20,720
	6.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	5.4	6.2
Escambia	17,061	16,782	16,690	16,750	16,830	16,810	16,580	16,400	16,470	16,380	16,240	16,230	16,060	16,000	16,120
	11.5	10.4	9.5	9.7	9.4	9.6	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.4	10.4	9.9	9.9	10.2	9.9
Etowah	43,954	43,120	42,990	43,460	43,630	43,490	43,180	42,870	43,010	43,060	42,620	42,200	41,490	41,390	41,620
	13.0	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.9	9.4	8.6	8.0	7.3	7.3
Fayette	8,028	7,636	7,740	7,630	7,530	7,560	7,640	7,590	7,600	7,580	7,450	7,420	7,270	7,190	7,240
	13.8	10.6	10.8	10.2	10.7	10.7	10.4	10.1	9.2	8.9	10.7	10.3	9.1	8.3	8.0
Franklin	15,310	15,130	15,260	15,440	15,280	15,020	14,910	14,860	14,910	14,740	14,570	14,410	14,170	13,920	14,150
	13.6	10.1	9.5	9.1	9.0	7.8	7.8	8.9	10.1	11.4	13.8	11.4	10.6	8.7	8.8
Geneva	11,047	10,443	10,480	10,880	10,680	10,360	10,260	10,640	10,350	10,230	9,860	9,910	9,960	9,860	9,960
	8.5	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.3	6.4	5.5	6.1	5.1	5.2
Greene	3,733	3,743	3,650	3,780	3,840	3,840	3,770	3,710	3,730	3,680	3,720	3,790	3,560	3,510	3,610
	15.9	15.3	12.1	16.9	17.4	17.7	16.4	15.4	13.3	12.6	15.6	16.8	12.2	10.6	11.5
Hale	5,986	6,105	6,170	6,260	6,120	6,130	6,190	6,110	6,110	6,130	6,050	6,050	6,050	6,030	6,190
	10.7	8.2	7.1	9.4	7.8	6.9	7.9	7.0	7.3	8.7	10.1	8.5	7.8	7.3	7.0
Henry	6,631	6,766	6,950	6,930	6,890	6,810	6,810	6,820	6,840	6,740	6,390	6,450	6,330	6,380	6,480
	9.7	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.5	5.7	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.7
Houston	39,734	40,014	39,760	40,260	40,500	40,400	40,590	40,530	40,690	40,920	40,520	40,230	39,980	39,870	40,150
	8.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.5	4.6	5.4
Jackson	20,968	20,929	20,900	21,030	20,800	20,950	20,880	21,400	21,420	21,470	21,480	21,230	20,780	20,530	20,800
	14.7	9.4	8.6	9.8	9.7	9.4	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.6	10.0	11.4	10.9	9.8	10.1
Jefferson	335,634	338,868	337,330	340,790	343,150	341,770	342,340	341,440	341,320	341,460	334,890	335,140	331,800	331,660	334,480
	7.7	6.6	6.0	6.2	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.0	5.4	5.5
Lamar	8,856	8,675	8,780	8,830	8,780	8,640	8,520	8,560	8,610	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,310	8,360	8,460
	8.9	6.9	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.2	7.1	6.8	5.7	5.6	4.9
Lauderdale	37,027	36,490	36,600	36,970	36,930	36,740	36,460	36,410	36,360	36,260	35,820	35,930	35,360	35,090	35,270
	11.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	8.4	7.9	7.1	6.9	7.1	7.0	9.0	8.3	8.0	7.3	7.0
Lawrence	12,632	11,918	12,100	12,140	12,140	11,830	11,770	11,740	11,850	11,700	11,860	11,640	11,320	11,140	11,330
	14.6	12.7	12.8	12.4	13.4	11.9	10.7	10.4	12.5	11.9	14.9	13.2	11.5	10.5	9.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987								1988				
	1986	1987	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT CONT															
Lee	38,124 7.7	38,259 5.4	39,080 5.7	38,330 5.5	37,980 5.9	37,770 5.3	37,820 4.6	38,550 4.5	39,180 4.5	38,770 4.8	38,110 5.2	37,780 5.0	37,200 5.3	37,310 4.7	37,550 5.1
Limestone	29,806 8.9	30,096 6.5	30,320 6.7	29,780 6.2	29,720 7.5	29,750 6.0	30,510 5.6	30,760 5.3	30,970 5.6	30,200 5.8	29,900 7.3	30,030 6.7	29,810 6.6	30,040 5.3	30,270 5.4
Lowndes	4,525 15.8	4,688 19.3	4,760 21.9	4,690 23.5	4,600 24.4	4,720 22.9	4,780 21.3	4,830 20.3	4,920 18.6	4,870 17.8	4,630 19.2	4,640 19.0	4,650 17.8	4,870 14.2	4,910 14.1
Macon	10,693 9.0	10,563 6.7	10,520 6.1	10,660 6.8	10,830 7.8	10,740 7.5	10,590 7.3	10,540 6.7	10,560 7.0	10,490 7.1	10,390 8.2	10,330 7.5	10,240 7.5	10,180 6.6	10,480 7.8
Madison	126,253 7.2	130,399 5.2	129,860 5.0	131,540 5.0	131,990 5.3	131,290 4.8	131,960 4.6	132,490 4.7	132,430 4.6	133,180 4.6	130,660 5.5	130,320 5.2	129,160 5.1	129,940 4.9	131,630 4.8
Marengo	10,045 11.1	9,838 8.4	9,800 7.8	10,080 7.3	9,980 7.4	9,870 7.1	9,870 7.0	9,860 7.3	9,890 7.6	9,770 7.5	9,590 8.3	9,610 8.1	9,400 7.7	9,390 7.1	9,460 6.8
Marion	16,083 14.3	15,548 10.7	15,480 9.3	15,720 9.4	15,760 10.8	15,730 9.3	15,520 7.9	15,540 7.8	15,500 8.4	15,570 10.5	15,890 14.0	15,760 13.3	15,270 9.9	15,220 7.4	15,000 6.6
Marshall	37,011 11.8	37,288 7.9	37,510 7.6	37,560 7.5	37,930 7.4	37,460 7.0	37,430 6.6	37,610 6.7	37,530 7.4	37,790 8.3	37,700 9.9	37,260 8.5	37,100 7.8	37,160 8.6	37,730 8.0
Mobile	172,880 11.1	172,319 9.7	173,210 9.1	176,100 9.5	175,770 9.9	174,230 9.7	174,240 9.6	172,860 9.8	171,200 9.4	171,760 9.4	168,910 10.1	168,720 9.5	167,530 9.7	165,810 8.8	167,320 8.8
Monroe	9,649 13.3	9,708 11.7	9,720 10.9	9,790 10.8	9,620 9.1	9,720 9.5	9,660 8.3	9,720 9.2	9,750 9.8	9,710 10.0	9,600 11.0	9,610 10.6	9,460 9.8	9,370 9.7	9,510 10.1
Montgomery	97,695 7.6	100,183 6.5	100,250 6.5	102,040 6.4	101,850 6.7	101,440 6.6	100,540 6.3	100,830 6.2	101,330 6.4	101,370 6.0	99,350 6.3	99,730 6.5	98,350 6.4	97,790 6.1	98,670 6.6
Morgan	45,825 10.0	46,674 8.5	46,820 9.3	47,350 7.8	47,770 8.8	47,320 8.2	46,740 7.3	46,680 7.2	46,930 8.6	47,020 7.5	46,580 8.8	46,370 8.0	46,100 7.8	45,830 6.9	46,180 6.8
Perry	5,444 12.9	5,363 11.8	5,390 9.6	5,460 9.7	5,470 10.4	5,420 10.1	5,360 13.4	5,330 9.7	5,290 11.1	5,320 17.7	5,170 16.0	5,040 10.6	4,960 10.5	4,910 8.5	4,980 8.3
Pickens	7,558 14.7	7,268 11.2	7,300 11.1	7,340 10.9	7,330 10.6	7,320 11.0	7,250 9.4	7,200 9.0	7,150 9.0	7,160 9.8	7,120 12.4	7,060 12.5	6,960 11.3	7,010 11.4	7,110 10.2
Pike	12,612 8.6	12,545 7.0	12,440 6.7	12,650 7.1	12,700 7.3	12,610 7.4	12,890 6.7	12,900 6.1	13,060 6.1	12,340 6.5	12,440 6.3	12,500 6.2	12,360 6.0	12,220 5.2	12,470 6.2
Randolph	9,424 9.2	9,586 6.4	9,510 5.8	9,560 6.4	9,290 8.3	9,480 7.3	9,470 6.7	9,720 5.6	9,710 5.3	9,750 5.6	9,640 6.2	9,570 5.9	9,370 5.8	9,240 6.4	9,290 5.6
Russell	22,641 9.6	22,475 7.1	22,520 7.0	22,770 6.8	22,430 6.6	22,430 6.5	22,430 6.2	22,350 5.5	22,540 5.8	23,110 9.0	21,990 6.6	22,080 7.3	21,740 7.2	21,670 6.5	21,780 6.6
St. Clair	20,610 8.4	21,388 6.0	21,480 6.2	21,520 5.6	21,460 5.4	21,410 5.1	21,440 4.9	21,480 5.0	21,580 5.5	21,630 5.5	21,390 5.5	21,350 6.4	21,120 6.2	21,130 5.7	21,340 5.8
Shelby	37,153 6.8	40,103 5.0	40,170 5.0	40,600 5.3	40,510 5.0	40,290 4.5	40,370 4.3	40,320 4.1	40,420 4.5	40,520 4.4	39,800 4.4	39,670 4.6	39,200 4.3	39,460 4.4	39,810 4.5
Sumter	6,243 21.0	5,919 12.6	5,810 10.8	5,880 13.2	6,010 13.7	5,990 13.2	6,010 10.5	6,140 11.0	6,040 11.6	5,900 11.6	5,730 11.9	5,820 11.4	5,630 10.1	5,640 9.4	5,630 7.9
Talladega	32,143 12.4	32,228 9.6	32,210 9.2	32,710 9.3	32,530 9.3	32,320 9.0	32,100 8.4	32,190 8.2	32,230 8.8	32,200 8.5	31,970 9.7	31,770 9.3	31,370 9.4	31,320 9.7	31,690 10.3
Tallapoosa	19,101 8.0	18,992 6.5	18,960 7.4	19,470 6.6	19,150 6.6	19,120 6.4	19,010 6.1	19,030 5.7	19,070 6.0	19,140 5.8	18,760 6.4	18,950 6.9	18,520 6.5	18,450 6.8	18,600 5.5
Tuscaloosa	68,450 7.7	69,623 6.1	69,660 6.3	68,720 6.2	68,500 6.4	69,480 6.0	70,220 5.5	70,570 5.2	70,850 5.3	70,970 5.4	69,760 6.2	69,720 5.8	69,140 5.8	68,780 5.0	68,870 5.3
Walker	30,633 15.2	28,983 11.0	29,100 11.3	29,220 10.9	28,970 10.1	28,920 10.0	28,970 9.8	28,910 9.5	29,070 10.1	29,000 9.6	28,720 11.0	28,620 10.6	28,130 9.7	27,930 8.6	27,880 7.7
Washington	5,594 19.4	5,719 13.4	5,560 12.7	5,890 12.1	5,820 11.2	5,780 10.8	5,770 10.2	5,860 11.1	5,870 10.6	5,910 10.8	5,870 11.3	5,860 10.9	5,810 10.1	5,910 10.1	5,990 9.6
Wilcox	4,402 16.8	4,407 12.6	4,420 13.0	4,470 12.8	4,540 13.6	4,480 14.3	4,450 13.2	4,400 11.7	4,380 11.0	4,330 11.1	4,270 12.9	4,270 12.1	4,210 12.2	4,200 13.1	4,150 10.2
Winston	10,288 21.1	9,883 13.9	9,880 12.3	10,120 12.0	10,160 11.8	10,210 11.2	9,940 10.3	10,060 10.4	9,900 10.6	9,860 11.6	9,950 13.9	9,940 16.5	9,790 13.4	9,730 10.4	9,690 9.4
TRADE															
Foreign															
Imports, Total (C.I.F.)[5] Value *($1,000)*	....	1,031,400	79,200	84,300	88,500	107,500	87,600	83,000	61,900	61,000	73,100	72,200	85,400	81,100	90,600
Exports, Total (F.A.S)[6] Value *($1,000)*	....	1,849,400	120,800	167,000	149,200	149,700	156,500	163,600	177,900	157,600	149,000	174,800	209,900	191,400	203,000
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[7] *(1,000 tons)*	38,701	29,363	1,749	2,326	2,188	2,255	2,684	2,314	2,688	2,848	2,567	2,508	2,507	2,603	2,351
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	26,789	28,038	2,134	2,655	3,013	3,283	2,644	1,899	1,834	2,141	2,669	2,339	2,162	1,914	2,039
Gasoline sales[8](1,000 gallons)	2,012,114	2,084,218	177,125	185,757	189,551	174,105	172,130	177,631	164,809	183,724	155,061	154,506	173,622	169,798	....
New passenger car registrations[9]*(number)*	159,481	140,070	12,310	12,356	13,117	14,086	13,206	10,298	9,906	11,545	10,042	10,374	11,805	11,408	12,351
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[10] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,953	4,092	353	353	364	348	344	338	317	348	327	311	332	342	318
General merchandise	2,739	2,862	236	225	217	231	222	238	275	403	182	187	250	253	234
Apparel	793	853	64	64	61	73	69	72	79	123	51	54	85	71	67
Furniture, furnishings, etc	920	975	78	82	81	82	80	79	83	118	70	72	84	78	77
Automotive	3,960	4,016	360	379	379	395	352	319	279	314	287	330	383	377	391
Gasoline service stations	267	286	25	26	26	25	24	24	23	24	21	21	24	25	25
Lumber and building materials	1,518	1,674	151	156	157	150	149	151	132	124	94	115	150	155	158
Hardware and farm implements	218	228	21	19	20	20	20	21	18	21	15	16	19	22	19
Eating places	1,569	1,714	147	147	152	153	143	148	138	150	130	131	152	153	150
Drug stores	384	391	35	31	31	31	31	32	30	46	35	34	32	34	36
All other retail	1,925	2,052	163	162	160	161	162	175	181	266	161	166	180	167	166
Total sales by retail concerns	18,246	19,144	1,633	1,645	1,648	1,668	1,595	1,596	1,555	1,935	1,374	1,437	1,693	1,676	1,640
Nonretail & unclassified concerns	2,568	2,714	231	236	237	233	243	239	222	232	195	207	239	244	242
Total all sales at retail	20,814	21,858	1,864	1,881	1,886	1,901	1,839	1,835	1,777	2,168	1,569	1,644	1,931	1,921	1,882

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS

Type of Activity	Annual		1987								1988				
	1986	1987	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
TRADE CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[10] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	594,215	602,100	51,126	51,089	52,226	53,152	51,167	50,166	49,723	57,871	42,930	42,521	51,687	53,404	52,874
Birmingham	5,671,260	5,793,043	492,829	500,182	497,774	503,424	491,947	478,386	463,952	559,367	416,786	449,252	500,193	502,213	492,743
Dothan	686,890	694,481	58,797	60,353	60,942	60,139	57,215	56,880	54,766	67,402	47,168	49,154	61,567	58,789	58,058
Florence	685,562	718,473	61,321	60,993	61,908	62,631	59,837	59,794	59,693	73,785	47,754	53,474	65,963	64,474	64,057
Gadsden	497,223	524,730	44,101	45,146	46,691	45,439	43,397	45,088	42,593	51,715	38,568	39,126	48,451	47,150	44,244
Huntsville	1,242,238	1,302,073	111,969	111,270	111,781	114,053	108,771	109,267	107,131	126,172	91,589	100,400	116,425	118,311	114,336
Mobile	2,283,409	2,311,415	200,888	200,958	205,450	200,817	190,664	193,024	179,697	216,618	168,208	167,089	196,183	200,884	185,845
Montgomery	1,645,712	1,719,168	146,445	149,370	148,469	146,208	142,878	140,485	134,863	171,032	120,574	126,235	150,900	150,084	155,163
Tuscaloosa	717,147	739,363	61,355	62,423	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,610	58,346	72,884	52,902	56,893	63,540	63,647	63,302
Counties															
Autauga	114,319	122,258	10,401	11,117	11,046	11,109	10,192	10,429	9,085	10,367	8,498	8,936	10,613	11,403	11,163
Baldwin	368,427	373,862	34,260	34,916	37,619	34,274	30,194	29,989	26,512	30,531	24,939	26,387	30,944	33,873	32,769
Barbour	82,125	84,892	7,006	7,221	7,211	7,055	6,944	7,091	7,645	8,398	6,060	6,085	6,967	7,018	6,920
Bibb	49,910	51,657	4,620	4,492	4,391	4,542	4,016	4,399	4,405	4,902	3,653	3,523	4,217	4,359	4,318
Blount	101,329	110,414	10,340	9,606	9,994	9,526	9,169	9,516	9,066	10,018	7,779	7,799	9,496	9,678	10,034
Bullock	25,847	25,257	1,938	1,970	2,016	2,318	1,985	2,138	2,009	2,254	2,203	1,947	2,165	1,884	1,751
Butler	63,879	62,691	5,168	5,409	5,562	5,449	4,968	5,221	4,713	5,654	4,472	4,829	5,313	5,403	5,099
Calhoun	594,215	602,100	51,126	51,089	52,226	53,152	51,167	50,166	49,723	57,871	42,930	42,521	51,687	53,404	52,874
Chambers	116,896	125,635	10,511	11,010	11,254	11,191	10,575	11,155	10,139	11,307	9,594	9,043	10,712	10,487	11,352
Cherokee	50,392	51,230	4,476	4,548	4,516	4,123	4,890	4,120	4,001	4,506	3,655	4,127	5,051	4,641	4,836
Chilton	117,577	122,605	10,949	11,053	10,079	10,707	9,783	10,137	10,062	11,236	8,974	9,498	11,417	11,642	11,348
Choctaw	36,495	38,329	3,340	3,189	3,319	3,231	3,084	3,291	2,850	3,583	2,946	2,755	3,045	2,922	2,811
Clarke	106,904	104,595	9,151	9,330	9,280	8,927	8,772	8,999	8,058	9,837	7,431	7,442	8,876	8,696	7,749
Clay	30,626	31,967	2,804	2,938	2,949	2,945	2,542	2,673	2,647	2,711	2,122	2,497	2,719	2,699	2,889
Cleburne	24,013	26,921	2,367	2,593	2,342	2,677	2,315	2,358	2,070	2,209	1,844	2,133	2,294	2,354	2,336
Coffee	207,873	211,055	19,943	17,375	18,640	19,044	17,069	16,810	16,719	18,946	14,408	14,901	18,147	19,462	16,695
Colbert	265,879	293,744	25,182	26,045	25,631	25,915	25,995	25,108	24,502	26,825	19,317	21,703	27,528	26,912	26,570
Conecuh	33,825	32,473	2,799	2,727	2,770	2,804	2,570	2,580	2,505	2,691	2,291	2,027	2,344	2,543	2,220
Coosa	10,108	12,707	1,307	1,141	1,286	1,032	1,088	1,271	1,031	1,034	766	1,111	1,094	1,048	1,081
Covington	141,098	142,922	12,421	12,199	12,574	12,224	12,298	12,214	10,823	13,113	9,779	10,332	12,373	12,143	11,809
Crenshaw	38,643	40,372	2,944	3,778	3,521	3,872	3,390	3,232	3,152	3,602	2,978	2,861	3,468	3,243	3,159
Cullman	266,551	269,225	23,875	23,860	23,720	24,068	20,872	22,475	21,081	24,229	17,065	20,378	24,420	24,416	24,499
Dale	118,237	121,061	10,432	10,607	10,359	10,603	9,430	10,062	9,845	11,114	8,388	8,895	9,988	10,863	10,342
Dallas	211,690	219,363	19,199	19,030	18,964	19,569	18,107	18,468	17,869	20,629	14,805	15,543	18,192	18,513	18,599
DeKalb	200,558	212,047	18,755	19,239	19,309	19,017	17,710	18,251	17,567	19,283	15,694	16,123	19,009	19,486	19,377
Elmore	110,904	111,791	9,580	9,955	10,269	9,727	9,220	9,423	8,421	10,197	8,074	8,632	9,929	10,280	10,827
Escambia	140,786	136,450	11,834	11,857	11,841	11,957	11,309	11,194	10,798	12,501	9,453	9,818	11,814	11,664	12,038
Etowah	497,225	524,730	44,101	45,146	46,691	45,439	43,397	45,088	42,593	51,715	38,568	39,126	48,451	47,150	44,244
Fayette	69,143	66,586	5,279	5,589	5,450	5,550	5,964	4,956	5,343	6,844	4,246	4,808	5,685	5,934	5,474
Franklin	101,756	108,595	9,584	9,673	9,267	9,555	9,322	9,208	8,723	10,366	7,323	7,751	9,653	9,838	10,138
Geneva	141,556	131,216	11,152	11,715	11,234	11,127	11,142	9,969	10,214	10,888	9,496	9,282	10,202	10,328	9,954
Greene	18,569	18,717	1,752	1,617	1,634	1,750	1,582	1,360	1,419	1,470	1,329	1,418	1,535	1,696	1,569
Hale	32,720	30,315	2,653	2,852	2,791	2,833	2,525	2,133	2,162	2,461	2,126	1,998	2,446	2,364	2,360
Henry	38,200	41,333	3,549	3,433	3,439	3,911	3,476	3,572	3,026	3,710	2,908	2,957	3,378	3,676	3,418
Houston	568,657	573,420	48,365	49,746	50,583	49,536	47,785	46,818	44,921	56,288	38,780	40,259	51,579	47,926	47,716
Jackson	156,051	166,025	15,023	14,335	14,632	14,454	13,819	13,828	12,693	15,108	10,684	12,089	14,736	15,431	15,048
Jefferson	4,759,044	4,819,876	406,777	414,614	411,187	416,340	409,482	394,094	385,818	473,185	343,156	373,294	412,779	414,086	404,801
Lamar	38,627	37,097	3,176	3,101	3,555	3,204	3,188	3,587	2,913	3,069	2,455	2,458	2,892	2,933	2,799
Lauderdale	419,683	424,729	36,139	34,948	36,277	36,716	33,842	34,686	35,191	46,960	28,437	31,771	38,435	37,562	37,487
Lawrence	61,902	65,210	5,801	5,445	5,501	5,590	5,041	5,875	5,662	6,958	4,685	4,513	5,691	5,721	5,674
Lee	389,424	403,041	33,912	34,477	34,288	33,858	36,160	34,996	33,734	38,725	31,510	29,233	34,740	36,230	34,957
Limestone	186,763	195,875	16,954	17,124	17,312	17,819	16,112	16,180	15,323	18,245	17,071	14,500	17,163	17,149	17,873
Lowndes	22,608	21,656	1,915	1,996	1,826	1,973	1,893	1,533	1,586	2,161	1,398	1,650	1,886	1,841	1,850
Macon	49,138	53,589	4,677	4,736	4,623	5,044	4,774	4,072	3,776	4,562	4,138	4,127	4,482	3,777	4,380
Madison	1,242,238	1,302,073	111,969	111,270	111,781	114,053	108,771	109,267	107,131	126,172	91,589	100,400	116,425	118,311	114,336
Marengo	78,482	81,055	6,685	6,736	6,913	6,888	6,360	7,114	6,392	7,782	5,586	6,069	7,001	6,797	6,360
Marion	109,604	110,874	9,588	9,715	9,310	9,182	9,119	9,392	9,080	10,439	7,785	8,463	9,925	9,860	9,543
Marshall	413,348	427,595	37,808	37,006	37,081	37,698	35,517	36,117	35,574	39,472	28,638	32,225	37,977	39,410	38,257
Mobile	1,914,922	1,937,553	166,628	166,042	167,831	166,543	160,470	163,035	153,185	186,087	143,269	140,702	165,239	167,011	153,076
Monroe	76,622	73,134	6,247	6,253	6,642	6,391	6,033	5,903	5,907	7,189	5,284	5,415	6,368	6,664	6,508
Montgomery	1,420,492	1,485,119	126,464	128,298	127,154	125,372	123,466	120,633	117,357	150,468	104,002	108,667	130,358	128,401	133,173
Morgan	567,117	584,515	50,752	50,396	49,002	53,277	49,552	49,511	46,845	55,909	39,911	43,992	51,191	53,886	50,997
Perry	24,819	23,734	1,989	1,946	2,157	1,984	2,038	1,887	1,734	2,040	1,592	1,753	2,027	1,877	1,757
Pickens	44,711	42,339	3,707	3,792	4,003	3,696	3,421	3,525	2,992	3,658	2,678	3,061	3,599	3,532	3,501
Pike	109,036	115,043	9,767	9,617	9,710	9,973	9,907	9,931	9,252	10,999	8,763	8,334	10,136	10,169	9,521
Randolph	58,587	59,776	4,936	4,764	4,807	4,729	5,071	5,233	4,712	5,707	4,955	4,793	5,257	5,008	5,065
Russell	128,144	131,624	11,151	10,990	11,526	11,388	11,541	10,869	10,452	12,769	9,087	9,459	11,521	11,573	11,060
St. Clair	150,423	151,091	13,596	13,577	15,037	14,292	12,712	12,192	11,593	12,938	10,784	11,748	13,055	12,976	12,996
Shelby	314,788	347,917	29,540	30,988	30,388	29,999	30,381	31,179	28,160	29,768	27,793	27,734	31,848	31,309	32,334
Sumter	31,053	32,578	2,712	2,723	2,674	2,680	2,549	2,941	2,688	3,077	2,329	2,117	2,722	2,702	2,521
Talladega	275,222	299,346	28,869	25,566	27,917	25,803	24,395	25,187	22,971	28,410	21,715	22,148	27,533	28,210	29,658
Tallapoosa	147,115	152,988	13,997	14,275	13,291	13,448	11,887	12,548	11,981	13,489	10,852	11,616	13,257	13,459	12,678
Tuscaloosa	717,107	739,363	61,355	62,423	61,894	67,209	64,032	63,610	58,346	72,884	52,902	56,893	63,540	63,647	63,302
Walker	344,683	363,745	32,576	31,397	31,168	33,267	30,203	31,405	29,315	33,478	27,274	28,677	33,015	33,964	32,578
Washington	20,902	22,267	2,120	2,202	2,026	2,109	1,919	1,812	1,867	1,549	1,640	1,714	2,043	1,806	1,674
Wilcox	25,124	23,219	2,095	1,988	1,918	1,866	1,842	1,893	1,661	2,095	1,671	1,437	1,761	1,692	1,564
Winston	83,769	92,372	8,429	8,204	9,236	7,845	7,537	7,868	7,451	7,941	6,629	6,406	7,983	8,737	8,251
Statewide[10]	1,334,557	1,839,075	143,399	151,985	149,060	155,381	160,720	166,752	177,637	251,123	143,356	146,884	188,066	164,945	165,867

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[5] CIF=costs, insurance, and freight.

[6] FAS=free alongside ship.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law.

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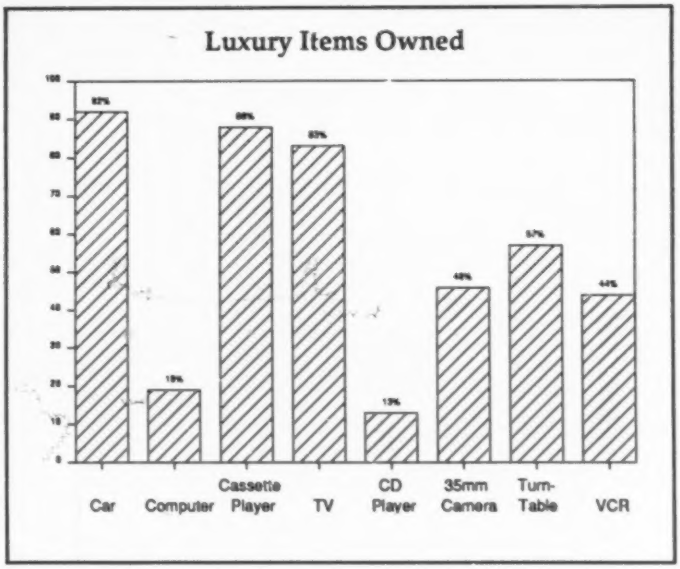

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